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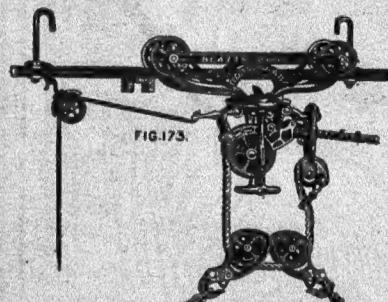
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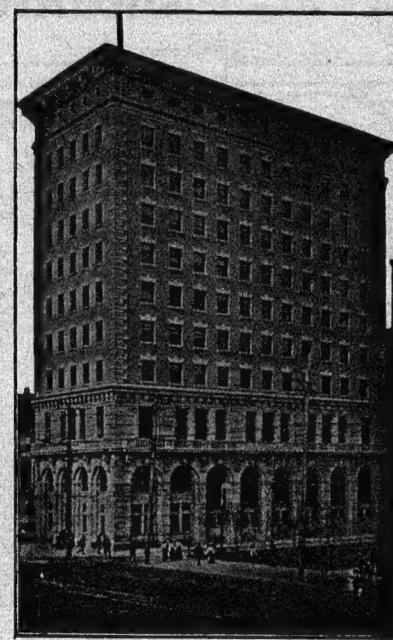
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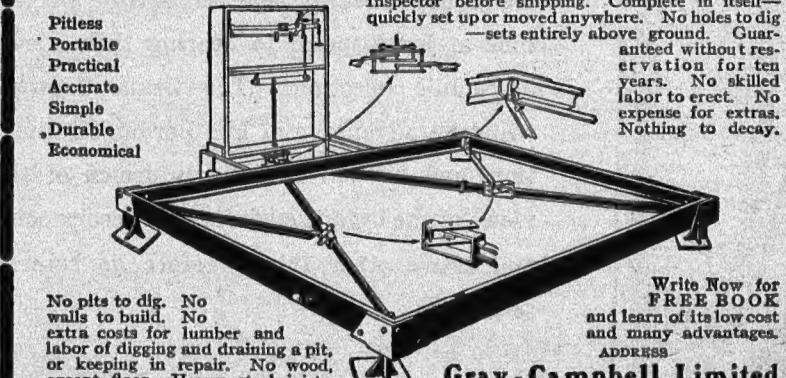
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There is a further dire flatness in the pig market, so he who has overfilled his sties finds money going out at every hand for pig-food, for litter, for labor and all the rest of it. So he becomes a sadder, but not a wiser, man, for he disposes of his brood sows, or most of them, seeing no good in pig-breeding.

Consequently, many more people besides him follow suit, with the result that before long there proves a dearth of pigs in the land and prices for all sorts advance by leaps and bounds, yet these unwise men have no stock to sell, so that they are out of the running.

Moral: Do not try to dodge the trade in breeding. Go steadily on, producing a judicious quantity, and so make sure at least of hitting the good markets as well as the bad and always having on hand subjects to eat up the waste from granary and dairy. Then, if the average sum made is not much, there is certainly but correspondingly little cost in feeding.

No man should breed bad pigs. It may appear that it needs no Solomon to tell that, but it is an absolute fact that about half the stock bred in the country is not nearly as good as it ought to be, and far too many pigs are absolutely bad.

The ill-thrifty, coarse-skinned, stiff-bristled pig is always a debtor. On the contrary, the thrifty one with quality is a creditor of some degree, if trade is anything like approaching good—not a loser in a slack trade.

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Many folks pig-farm who have no chance of making profit at all. Those men are such as have to buy all the feed for their stock, and are as short of practical knowledge as of feed.

The ordinary mixed land-farmer, the dairy farmer, the miller and the butcher are the men to keep pigs at a profit. They all have what to them would otherwise be waste stuffs, so that all they have to do is to regulate the quantity of stock correctly, and then profits are assured, other things being equal.

The dairy farmer is in a better position still. He has buttermilk or whey or skimmilk and perhaps of no better worth than to give the pigs. He often finds pork and bacon making the more profitable branches.

And so with the miller and the butcher. Both have a lot of offal to dispose of, and cannot dispose of it to better advantage than to make pigs.

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In these cases there are material quantities of victuals to be purchased. Still, that is different to systematically keeping pigs with the certainty of having to purchase all they require, even to the bed they lie on.

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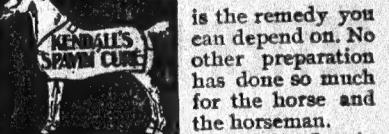
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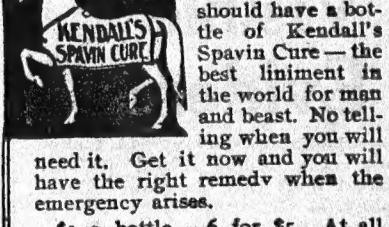
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Cattle Killing by Railways

The killing of stock on the railway track in Western Canada has engaged the attention of the Grain Growers' organization for several years. The Railway Act has been so worded that when farmers have had recourse to the courts for compensation for stock killed on the track, the railway company almost invariably succeeded in evading payment. Farmers all through the Prairie Provinces have been losing thousands of dollars worth of animals every year without being able to secure any compensation. The matter has been brought before the attention of the railway commissioners on several occasions and their reply invariably was that, as the Railway Act is now worded, it would be folly for any farmer to attempt to collect damages through the process of the courts.

At the meeting of the council of agriculture held in Regina last February, Mr. Jas. Bower, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, F. W. Green and R. McKenzie, secretaries respectively of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Grain Growers' Associations were appointed a committee to endeavor to secure legislation that would compel the railway companies to so protect their tracks as to prevent animals getting upon them.

Conference Arranged

Those gentlemen while in Ottawa in March placed the matter before the minister of railways, who arranged for a conference to be held between representatives of the railway companies and of the Grain Growers' Associations and the chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners. That meeting was held in the office of the minister of railways. Judge Mabee, chairman of the board, stated that the commissioners had received a large amount of evidence to the effect that the railways refused to compensate for stock killed and that in his judgment the only effective remedy would be to so word the provision of the Railway Act that the railways would be compelled to pay for all stock killed on the track, the fact of their presence there being *prima facie* evidence that the track was not properly protected. The result was that the minister requested Judge Mabee to draft a clause to amend the act which would meet the case, and have the clause submitted to the minister and to the different parties interested. Judge Mabee prepared the following amendment to the Act:

The Amendment

"11. Sections 294 and 295 of the principal act, and sections 8 and 9 of chapter 50 of the statutes of 1910 are repealed, and the following is enacted as section 294 of the principal act.

"294. The company shall be liable to the owner for the full value of all horses, sheep, swine or other cattle that may be killed or injured upon the company's lands through the operation, save where such killing or injury is caused by reason of any person—

"(a) failing to keep the gates of any farm crossing, at each side of the railway, closed when not in use, or

"(b) leaving open any gate on either side of the railway provided for the use of any farm crossing without some competent person being at or near such gate to prevent animals passing through such gate onto the railway, or

"(c) other than an officer, contractor, or employee of the company taking down any part of the fence, or

"(d) turning any animal upon or within the enclosure of any railway company, or

"(e) except as authorized by this act, without the consent of the company, riding, leading or driving any animal, or suffering it to enter upon any railway and within the fences and guards thereof, or

"(f) leaving the gates of the company at railway stations open for the convenience of the public."

Strenuous Objection

The suggestions of Judge Mabee having been accepted by all the interests concerned, the minister introduced a bill into the House embodying the clause together with several other amendments to the Railway Act, a couple of days before the adjournment. The clause dealing with stock-killing met with such strenuous opposition, however, from some members who so evidently intended to talk it out that the minister withdrew the clause, with the understanding that it would be again introduced when the

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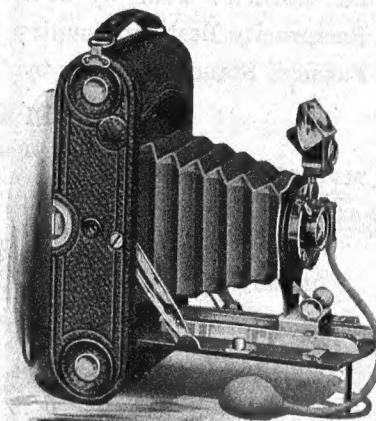
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This is one of the questions that the Grain Growers should urge upon Mr. Borden upon his prospective tour and urge him to assist the government in having the clause passed after recess. If this section becomes law the effect of it would be that the railways would have to pay for all stock killed on the track excepting in the case where they had access to the

track through gates at farm crossings being left open, or through animals having been turned onto the enclosures of railway companies or when animals get on the track through gates of the company at railway stations being left open. Experience in the West shows that of the stock killed on track not more than one in fifty have been due to the exceptions made in that clause.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE WEST

If Western Canada is to be properly represented in the Dominion parliament the farmers of the West must be prepared at the next general election, whenever that may come, to choose as their representatives a body of men who will give their allegiance to principles rather than to parties. With the exception of Hon. Clifford Sifton, who left the Liberal party on the reciprocity issue, no Western member has had the courage or independence to vote against his party during the present session of parliament. There are good men among our representatives at Ottawa, men who desire to do something to improve the condition of the farmers and to advance the interests of the West, but they are all tied up to one party or another, and, so far, willingly or unwillingly, have taken their orders from the party caucus and have regularly voted with their respective leaders.

The coming election offers a splendid opportunity for the farmers of Canada to send to Ottawa a strong delegation of members who will refuse to take their orders from the party whips and who will go to the capital pledged to support the Grain Growers' platform and to wage unceasing war against Special Privilege in all its forms. It will not make much difference which party these men belong to. Probably it would be best that some of them should sit on each side of the House, but they must be men who will enjoy and who will deserve the confidence and respect of each other and the people they represent—men who, though they may sit on opposite sides of the House, will be big enough to forget mere partyism sometimes and to unite into one solid phalanx when any question vitally concerning the interests of the people is at issue. These must be men of ability and industry, capable and alert, ready to do some hard thinking and vigorous talking, and able to match their brains against those of the professional politicians, but above all they must be men of unimpeachable honor and integrity, men who cannot be bought for money or any other kind of favor, men whose only hope of reward will be to have the knowledge that they have helped to raise the standard of public life in Canada, to get a square deal for every class, and to remove some of the injustices which governments under capitalistic control have permitted to grow up in our land.

The three Prairie Provinces after the re-distribution which will follow the census to be taken during the present month, will probably send about forty-five members to Ottawa instead of twenty-seven as at present, and if half of this number were men of the right type they could accomplish wonders in parliament. Half a dozen men, for instance, could have prevented the passage of the Canadian Northern bond guarantee of thirty-five to forty million dollars which was rushed through parliament in a few hours just before the adjournment. And though a small body of men, without support from other members of the House, could not compel the passage of legislation, nevertheless, when it could be shown that their proposals were in the interests of the people and that they had behind them the popular approval, they would be able to attract sufficient attention to force the government to pay some heed to their demands.

One thing that would be necessary to place our representatives in a position where they could afford to ignore the orders of the party leaders when those orders were at variance with the wishes and the interests

of the people whom they had been elected to represent, would be to choose as candidates for parliament men who will not accept financial assistance in their campaign from the party campaign funds. These campaign funds are chiefly contributed by railroad companies and other wealthy corporations who are constantly asking and receiving favors from the government and who are interested in retaining the protective tariff, and the parliamentary candidate who claims to represent the interests of the common people and has part of his election expenses paid from these sources is running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. If election expenses were restricted to a reasonable amount the successful candidate at least might pay his own expenses and live on his indemnity, but with present methods of electioneering large sums must be spent on organization and in some cases it might be necessary for the voters who are interested in securing the return of a member who would be a real representative, to put their hands into their pockets and assist in paying the necessary expenses of his election. We know that at the present time it is generally expected that the candidate shall spend generously of his own money or money received from some mysterious source, not only before but after his election, and it would be well for those who expect generosity on the part of their members to consider where that money is to come from.

Can the farmers of the West find such men as we have described and can they secure their nomination and election? We believe that in many constituencies they can. But no government can be better than the people who place it in power, and if the people are not sufficiently interested in good government to bestir themselves and secure proper representatives they must be content to put up with the consequences.

REDISTRIBUTION FIRST

The Liberal newspapers tell us that the Opposition at Ottawa have determined to force an election before a redistribution bill can be passed and so prevent the West from getting its proper representation in the next parliament. They can do this by refusing to vote supply and blocking the redistribution bill. We do not know what the plans of the Opposition in this respect are; probably they do not know themselves yet, but we do know this: that the people of Western Canada have the strongest possible objection to an election being held before they are given the representation to which they are entitled by reason of their numbers. If an election is held before redistribution, the vote of one Easterner will be equal to that of two or three Westerners. The city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for instance, with a population of 40,000, has two members, of which R. L. Borden is one, while Winnipeg, with a population of 150,000, has only one member. Similar comparisons, though the inequality is not so great, could be made with regard to the rural constituencies, and in order that a Western man's vote may count for as much as that of his brother in the East, the number of members for Ontario and the Maritime Provinces must be reduced, and those from the Prairie Provinces increased. There is no need for an election this year, and the voters of the West strongly object to being robbed of their rightful representation by an unnecessary and premature appeal to the country.

Professor James D. Boyle, of the University of North Dakota, says the reason

wheat brings 10 cents a bushel more on the United States side of the international boundary line is because there is no trading in futures on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The professor has another guess coming. Trading in futures is the chief occupation of many of the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

THE PROTECTIONIST CAMPAIGN

The Canadian Century Magazine, some time ago, sent out to its advertising patrons a circular from which we take the following extract:

"It may interest you to know that during the last seven weeks the editorials of the Canadian Century against reciprocity have been regularly reproduced in over four hundred weekly newspapers, so that they have been read by a large proportion of our rural population. The Canadian Century has a circulation of 20,000 copies, our subscribers being very evenly distributed in every province of the Dominion, but the reproduction of Canadian Century editorials greatly increases our influence. We shall continue to advocate thorough tariff protection for all Canadian industries and our individual preference of goods made in Canada."

The Canadian Century is edited by Watson Griffin, who, previously to the establishment of that journal, was employed by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association writing protectionist pamphlets and other literature, and is well qualified to conduct a propaganda against reciprocity and in favor of protection. The interesting point about the campaign in which the Century is now engaged is the attempt to convince the farmer that protection is for his benefit, and more especially that the reciprocity agreement would be ruinous to him. The interests who pay for publishing the Canadian Century editorials in more than four hundred rural weekly newspapers must set a great value on farmers' votes and seem to think that many farmers who cannot be purchased direct can be influenced unconsciously by placing before them matter and information that will mislead them as to the true purpose of the reciprocity agreement. Our farmers should be wise enough now to know that the campaign of education undertaken by the Canadian Century is not financed by the protected interests for philanthropic purposes or for the good of the farmers.

WHO'S TO BLAME?

The Dominion government since 1881 has given to railways cash grants amounting to \$146,932,179.71; provincial governments have given \$35,837,060.16; municipalities have added to this vast sum no less than \$17,983,823.60. Add to this grants of land from the Dominion government of 32,040,378 acres and from the various provinces 23,351,943 acres. This is a very respectable array of figures, but the end is not yet. The railway promoters have secured vast sums in bond guarantees. The Dominion government has guaranteed bonds to the extent of \$52,493,865, and the provincial government for \$75,897,492. These sums do not include the enormous tax exemptions and other concessions to the value of many millions that have been given to railways. If the land be valued at an average of \$3 per acre then the total gift to the railways has been \$492,000,000, or \$70 for every man, woman and child in Canada. Yet the people of Canada have about the same control over the railways of Canada as they have over the railways

of Siberia. Any person would think that a real patriotic statesman would try to protect the people from the greed of the railways. But the politicians think too much of the contributions that the railways make to the campaign funds of both parties.

AROUSING PUBLIC OPINION

The discussion throughout Canada attendant upon the reciprocity agreement is preparing the way for many needed improvements in the administration of national affairs. For the past ten years at least Canada has been verging towards political stagnation. The differences between the two political parties have largely been over very trivial matters in which the public refused to become interested. As a result of this situation the people have not had an intelligent idea of what has actually been going on at Ottawa. The politicians have not, as in former years, taken the opportunity to discuss matters of public importance with the electors. When public interest in national affairs becomes apathetic the administration is bound to fall into ruts and the welfare of the people is sure to suffer. In the past four months all this has changed and in every section of Canada there is a lively interest being taken in the affairs of the country. The people are demanding information upon what is being done in Canada and also upon the progress being made in other countries. This is as it should be. The people should be well informed upon all public questions before the country is committed to any radical change of policy. The Canadian people have learned more in the past few months about the resources of their country, her trade, her tariff laws, trusts and combines than they have learned in the past decade. The spread of such knowledge is good for the people, but it is dangerous to professional politicians and to the beneficiaries of Special Privilege. If the people of Canada were all informed of the actual facts surrounding trade and tariff matters in Canada improvements would be immediate. The great lack is adequate information. Our members of parliament could spend a great deal of time between sessions with much profit to the country by holding public meetings and informing the people on public matters. Of course the strong partisan gives only as much of the facts as suits his purpose, but even if this much becomes known there will speedily grow up a demand for more. It is impossible to secure too much information.

A COMMERCIAL OPINION

It is nice to know what other people think of us, so we clip the following from The Commercial, which styles itself "Canada's greatest trade paper":

POOR MR. BORDEN

"The leader of the Opposition at Ottawa, Mr. Robert Laird Borden, has arranged to hold a series of thirty political meetings in the West during the next six weeks. His addresses will probably cover in a general way the leading issues now before the people of the country, and he may be expected to give particular attention to the subject of reciprocity. His time will be well occupied in this way, and it might have been expected that he could arrange it to suit his own plans. But another guess is due. The dear agitators among the farmers must needs trot out their old resolutions and harangues, and hurl these at Mr. Borden at every meeting. They will brag and prate about the farmer being the backbone of the country and will tell the Opposition leader how he should run things when he assumes the reins of office.

"Mr. Borden, if he is well advised, will ask the firebrand weed raisers to spare him the agony of listening to their outpourings. He is a student and a keen observer, and he does not need any help from the political Solons who are attempting to save the country at so much per save. They can stay on the farm and grow grain. If the Opposition leader or any other politician wants to ascertain the opinions of the agricultural element in the community he can do so without much trouble and without any hurrah from the

second generation of the Patrons of Industry. There are intelligent farmers in every district who are not identified with any association of agitators. They can be depended upon to reflect the real sentiments of the men who till the soil and produce fine crops. But the shouters will hold the fort against all comers, and the intelligent men will not have a chance. Poor Mr. Borden!"

We do not remember that The Commercial has ever accused the grocers who belong to the Retail Merchants' Association of putting sand in their sugar or lauding any who may be outside of that organization as the only intelligent and business-like storekeepers, nor do we recollect that it has ever attacked the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for taking an interest in the tariff. In the opinion of that paper, however, the members of the farmers' organizations are "firebrand weed raisers," while those who are not members of any association are intelligent farmers who till the soil and produce fine crops. The Commercial evidently believes in the organization of the class which it represents, but objects to organization by anyone else. In other words they want the farmers to stay on the farms and grow grain, while they attend to the government of the country, and arrange matters so that they may get the largest possible share of what the farmers produce.

FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE

An organization known as the Canadian National League has been formed in Toronto for the purpose of carrying on an anti-reciprocity campaign throughout Canada. We have received a pamphlet from this league setting forth its reasons against reciprocity and showing how it will lead Canada into annexation with the United States. The pamphlet was accompanied by a letter from the chairman of the patriotic league, explaining that it is a non-partisan organization working patriotically for the upbuilding of Canadian nationality, British connection and fiscal independence. The chairman of this remarkable league is Mr. Z. A. Lash, K.C., LL.D. Who is Mr. Lash? He is on the board of directors for the following institutions: Canadian Northern Railway; Canadian Bank of Commerce; Western Canadian Flour Mills; Mexican Tramway Company; Mexican Electric Light Company; Mexican Light and Power Company; Sao Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company; Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light, Heat and Power Company; National Trust Company; Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Company; British American Assurance Company; Canadian Life Assurance Company and Western Assurance Company. The total capital of all these corporations is \$145,000,000 and yet Mr. Lash is at the head of a patriotic organization working for the good of the common people. Is it not humorous? Heaven help the common people.

MEET AT BRANDON

The Manitoba Grain Growers have made arrangements to meet Mr. Borden, similar to those made last summer when Sir Wilfrid Laurier toured the West, and when they presented to him what is now regarded as The Farmers' Bill of Rights. A call has been issued to the different branches to send delegates to meet at Brandon, and although the time is short for the branches to make their arrangements and appoint their delegates, the importance of the situation is such that the Grain Growers should make a special effort to have a large representation to meet Mr. Borden at Brandon on June 20.

Several of the questions presented to Sir Wilfrid last summer have been before parliament at its present session and they have met with strenuous opposition, more especially the question of reciprocity, to which the farmers of Western Canada attach so

much importance. Mr. Borden's Western supporters in the House have represented the farmers of the West as not being in favor of the reciprocity agreement with the United States. Presumably Mr. Borden would like to find out for himself the sentiment of the farmers in this respect. The Grain Growers of the West owe it to themselves to inform Mr. Borden in plain terms as to their wishes in this matter.

BOOST THE GUIDE

Week by week the circulation of The Guide is steadily increasing, but nevertheless there are still thousands of farmers who are not regular readers of this paper. We feel that if the great movement for the assertion of the rights of the agricultural community and of the common people is to attain the fullest success, The Guide should be in the home of every man who is interested in the farmers' cause.

We realize that The Guide has its imperfections, but our friends tell us that the work which it is doing has been of some assistance in forwarding the cause of the Western farmers. Our usefulness will be greatly increased as the number of our readers grows, and we therefore make an appeal to our friends to help us secure a large number of new readers during the slack time of the summer.

There are thousands of farmers who would subscribe for The Guide if they were only asked. The subscription price is trifling, for we are now offering the paper from any time in June or July until the end of the year for 40 cents. No commission can be paid on this rate, but we ask our readers to help us, and to help themselves, by recommending The Guide to their friends. Surely every friend of The Guide can secure at least one new subscriber during the summer months. If they will do so it will be of untold benefit to the farmers' cause.

We venture the assertion that no political "party" in any province in Canada can show an absolutely clean record. There are men whose records are clean, but not "parties." But even with this fact widely known there is always a certain portion of the electorate that can be relied upon to vote for their "party" with the regularity and the reliability of a rubber stamp. Such men by their actions have very little influence upon public affairs except to perpetuate abuses. But they say "even if my party has committed a few acts of crookedness, just see what a lot of good they have accomplished, and so I will let it go and vote for them." Turn this policy around to the home. A parent loves his child as much as he loves anything and would make untold sacrifice for the welfare of that child. But the most affectionate parent will not continually overlook wrongdoing by his child. He will reason with, warn, and frequently punish the child, not vindictively, but for the child's own good. But when it comes to his political "party" this same loving and model parent will overlook the most glaring acts of crookedness without even a murmur. But they say "what is the use of turning out a party to put in a worse one?" If a party were turned out of power every time they allowed graft to creep in, the graft would be eliminated. It is the faithful "party" man who allows the reign of graft to continue in both "parties."

When asked to state his policy on the floor of the House of Commons, Mr. Borden usually replies: "When we come to occupy the treasury benches we will soon tell you what we will do." Mr. Borden, however, will have to be much more definite during his forthcoming tour if he wants to gain the confidence of the western farmers.

Intercolonial a Profitable Railroad

By J. W. WARD

NOTE:—In this article the writer maintains that the Intercolonial Railway is a profitable undertaking for the people of Canada, in spite of the many handicaps with which it has had to contend. Mackenzie and Mann, it is well known, have made overtures to the government with a view to securing possession of the road, and adding it to the C.N.R., but so far they have been unsuccessful.

The opponents of government ownership are fond of pointing to the Intercolonial Railway as an instance of the failure of state ownership in this branch of the public service. Its advocates in turn point to the success of the state-owned railways of Australia, France, Germany, Belgium and other countries and account for the failure of our own Intercolonial by saying that it is badly managed and handicapped by political influences.

There is, it must be admitted, a popular impression that the Intercolonial Railway is a most unprofitable enterprise, but a careful study of the facts instead of bearing out this general and somewhat vague belief, shows the reverse. The Intercolonial Railway is, as a matter of fact, a most successful railway. It is well and economically operated; it gives a high standard of service to the public and, compared with other Canadian railways, is a profitable investment for the Dominion of Canada.

To avoid misunderstanding, let it be said at the outset that it is not pretended that the Intercolonial produces profits sufficient to pay into the Dominion treasury each year an amount equal to a dividend of 10 or even 5 per cent., such as shareholders of company-owned railways expect and are accustomed to receive. In some years there has been an actual deficit of earnings compared with operating expenses on the Intercolonial while in other years there has been a surplus; but there are many other considerations which must be taken into account in order to test the profitability of a railway from the point of view of the people of Canada. In years past the Dominion treasury has sometimes received no interest on the capital invested in the Intercolonial Railway which amounted on June 30, 1910, to \$92,273,000, but it receives no dividends either on \$300,582,000 which a recent writer in *The Guide* aptly described as the "kingly donation" which Canada has made to the C.P.R. nor on the huge gifts in cash, lands and bond guarantees which have been handed to other railroad corporations.

Value of Land Grants

The exact value of these gifts cannot be stated as it is impossible to accurately ascertain the value of the lands which have formed a very large and valuable portion of the grants. The last issue of the "Railway Statistics of the Dominion of Canada," however, shows that the amount of cash given by the Dominion and provincial governments and by municipalities to aid the construction of railways amounted on the 30th of June, 1910, to \$200,753,063.47, while land grants aggregated 55,292,321 acres, of which 32,040,378 acres were given by the Dominion and 23,251,943 acres by the provinces.

Figures contained in the balance sheets of the C.P.R. furnish a means of estimating the value of the land grants. When the last balance sheet was printed the company had disposed of 19,375,157 acres of land, from which it had realized \$84,011,000, an average of \$4.33 an acre. During the last year the company realized an average price of \$15.15 an acre and then still owned 7,539,000 acres, which makes the present holdings at the same figure worth \$114,226,000. The price of much of this land will doubtless be raised before it is sold, but applying these prices in approximately the same proportion, taking three-fourths on the whole at \$4.33 per acre and one-fourth at \$15.15 per acre, we get some idea of the value of the land grants given the Canadian railways as follows:

41,469,240 acres at \$4.33	\$179,700,043
13,823,081 acres at \$15.15	210,419,677

Making a total of \$390,119,720
Which, with cash subsidies of 200,753,063

Makes a total of aid to railroads of \$590,872,783

This figure is irrespective of the value of bond guarantees under which, on June 30, 1910, the Dominion was liable for

.....	852,439,865
The Province of Manitoba	20,899,660
" " Alberta	25,743,000
" " Saskatchewan	11,999,000
" " Ontario	7,860,000
" " Nova Scotia	5,022,000
" " Br. Columbia	2,196,832
" " New Brunswick	700,000
" " Quebec	476,000

Total \$127,336,857

The canal system constructed by the Dominion government might also be fairly compared with the Intercolonial, especially so far as it is a regulator of freight rates. The canal system at the

from the point of view of the public is the price which the people who use the railroad are called upon to pay for the service rendered and it is a fact which cannot be disputed that the Intercolonial carries both passengers and freight at lower rates than any other Canadian railway and in so doing compels the C.P.R. to charge lower rates between points at which it is a competitor of the Intercolonial than on other parts of its system. This was proved conclusively by Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals in the House of Commons on March 10 last, when he gave statistics showing not only that the rate per ton mile is lower on the Intercolonial, but also that the charges on local freight are lower for given distances than those approved by the railway commission and charged

the government road at C.P.R. rates would have earned \$2,485,000 more than it did. The rates per passenger mile were:

Intercolonial	1.691c.
C.P.R.	1.821c.
Grand Trunk	1.767c.
C.N.R.	2.184c.

The C.P.R. passenger rate was 7.6 per cent. higher than the Intercolonial. The Grand Trunk was 4.5 per cent. higher; and the C.N.R. 29.1 per cent. higher.

A Creditable Showing

Again, if the Intercolonial had charged C.P.R. rates it would have added \$203,968 to its earnings so that if the Intercolonial had been operating its passenger and freight service at C.P.R. rates it would have earned \$3,389,246 more than it did, and this with the surplus of actual earnings over operating expenses amounting to \$623,164.66, would have brought the profits of the road up to \$4,012,410.66, or about 4½ per cent. of the total capital invested.

With regard to local freight rates, Mr. Graham made a number of comparisons between the rates approved by the board of railway commissioners for Ontario towns and in use by the C.P.R. and G.T. railways, and those charged by the Intercolonial, the rate in almost every case being lower on the government road. At 86 miles the Intercolonial rate ranges from 10 cents per 100 pounds for ninth class freight, to 26 cents for first class. On the C.P.R. and G.T.R. for 89 miles the ninth class rate is 9 cents, and the first class rate 30 cents. At 188 miles the Intercolonial rate ranges from 11 to 33 cents, and the C.P.R. and G.T.R. from 12 to 36 cents. At 243 miles the Intercolonial rate is from 13 to 38 cents, and the C.P.R. and G.T.R. from 14 to 40 cents. At 275 the Intercolonial rate is from 13 to 38 cents, and the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. from 15 to 42 cents.

The Intercolonial rates in New Brunswick compared with the C.P.R. rates in the same territory, but between non-competitive points, are: 89 miles—Intercolonial from 8 to 26 cents, C.P.R. from 10 to 32 cents; 137 miles—Intercolonial from 9 to 29 cents, C.P.R. from 13 to 40 cents; 233 miles—Intercolonial from 12 to 26 cents, C.P.R. from 16 to 48 cents.

Western Traffic Carried

The benefits of this low freight rate to the people who live in the country served by the Intercolonial can readily be understood, but it is not the people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia alone who benefit, for a large amount of freight is also carried at low rates over the Intercolonial railway which either originates from or is destined for points in the West, especially during the winter season when the harbors of Montreal and Quebec are closed.

The Managing Board

Since April 20, 1909, the Intercolonial Railway has been under the management of the government railways managing board, consisting of the deputy minister of railways (then Mr. M. J. Butler and now Mr. A. W. Campbell, C.E.) and Messrs. David Pottinger, I.S.O., E. Tiffen, the general traffic manager, and F. P. Brady, general superintendent. A marked improvement has been made in the financial showing of the road since the affairs of the railway have been in the hands of this board of management. The board found when they began their work that the road was considerably overmanned and the number of employees was reduced within a year by 503 men whose services were not needed. Other economies were effected and as a result, while the earnings for the fiscal year 1909-10 showed an increase over the previous year of \$741,166 the working expenses were reduced by

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THE FATHER OF TARIFF REFORM

The latest picture of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain M.P., showing the distinguished statesman in his garden at Cannes. Mrs. Chamberlain is standing beside him.

present time represents an investment of capital amounting to about \$100,000,000 and on this the country neither receives nor expects a dividend. The canals were constructed for the purpose of providing a means of transport which would not only carry a large amount of freight at a low rate, but would also regulate charges on the railroads and the wisdom of this policy has never been disputed. Precisely the same service is rendered by the Intercolonial.

The most important feature of a railroad

for the same distances on the company-owned railways in the Province of Ontario. The rate per ton mile for 1910, taking an average of all the freight carried by the four chief railroads during that year was:

Intercolonial	.559c.
C.P.R.	.778c.
Grand Trunk	.672c.
C.N.R.	.734c.

The C.P.R. thus averaged 40.6 per cent. higher than the Intercolonial and on the volume of traffic carried that year

Save The Moisture

Spring operations are now completed and the farmers of the West have the pleasure of seeing their crops advancing. Conditions for a good crop did not look altogether too favorable at the opening of spring; in most cases the land was too dry to be conducive to very rapid growth. Last fall, it will be remembered, was dry and, though there was an unusual quantity of snow during the winter, it did not saturate the ground sufficiently to insure moisture for the wants of the crops for any length of time. But during the past month frequent and generous rains, combined with warm weather, have made present conditions ideal for the growing crops. According to reports the acreage this year sown to wheat and oats is the largest the West has ever known.

Although conditions are, at present, so favorable for a prosperous year, it does not mean that the farmers should not have an eye to the future and be preparing their lands for the crop next year or for unforeseen setbacks during the present season. There may be an abundance of rain this year, but next year may be a dry one and it goes without saying that the farmer who conserves the moisture this year will reap the benefit next year; he will have a fair crop, while the man who disregards the principles of dry farming may not reap a bushel of grain. This has been noted in the past; therefore it is the part of wisdom for every farmer to prepare for a dry season, at the same time hoping for a moist one.

Work on the Fallow

Practically nothing more can be done to aid this year's crop; the wheat is now waving to the breezes, covering the soil with dark rich shoots and forming a blanket to keep the moisture in the soil, but the stubble lands that are intended for the fallow are still, day by day, losing moisture. Probably these lands have not been touched since last spring; they have received all the moisture that fell but they are also giving it off very rapidly on account of not having a soil-mulch to break up the capillary attraction. The wise farmer disced these lands last fall when the harvest was taken off, and early this spring he ran the disc over them again to put on the soil-mulch to retain as much of the moisture as possible until the fallowing commenced.

Fallow plowing time is now here. It is the practise of many farmers of the West to fallow late, waiting until the weeds are well advanced before starting to plow. However, the wise man fallows as early as possible and keeps down the weeds by constant cultivation. It requires a little more work, but the land is put in excellent condition for the next year's crop. The moisture is retained by the continual cultivation, and the land, being plowed early, packs firm and is in a much better condition for the following crop than the land that is plowed at a later date. Summer fallow invariably gives a better crop than fall or spring plowing. This is caused, not so much from the fact that the land has been given a year's rest, as from the fact that the fallow contains more moisture than spring or fall plowing, and is, moreover, in a firm condition, making an excellent seed-bed.

It is frequently the custom in the West to plow the fallow and leave the land open till cultivation is forced by the growth of weeds. Such a system may lessen the work a little, but the land loses a great deal of moisture when left in this open state. It is, therefore, essential to compact the soil as soon as possible after plowing. This can be done in several ways: by the use of the sub-surface packer, by the common disc harrow, with the discs set nearly straight, or by the ordinary steel-toothed harrow. In fact, any implement may be used which will pack the soil and leave a loose mulch on the surface. Again if rains occur after the plowing and packing have been done, they tend to form a crust on the surface, and the loss of moisture will be very great. It may, therefore, be ad-

visable to harrow the surface with a light harrow after every rain until the snows come, unless it is deemed best to leave the land in the rough furrow to be weathered during the winter storms. These are matters a farmer must judge for himself.

Sustained Fertility

It is commonly held that the continuous growth of the same crop will rapidly reduce and finally exhaust the fertility of any soil. It is therefore surprising to learn that, in some of the older countries where wheat has been grown for a long period, there seems to be little or no trace of diminished fertility. Indeed, some authorities say that those fields are producing heavier crops than when first plowed. The reason of this sustained yield is plain. The surface cultivation which has been so widely practised in these regions for the conservation of moisture also encourages the growth and activity of those soil-germs which are so helpful in supplying plant-food for the use of the subsequent crops. Of course, these lands have received fertility in the form of various manures. But the fact cannot be overlooked that, even though soil may be rich in crop-producing nitrates, it cannot supply the plants with nourishment unless there is sufficient moisture in the soil to dissolve these nitrates into plant-food.

The principle of loosening the surface of the soil and keeping a mulch of mellow soil in order to prevent the evaporation of the moisture is well recognized by farmers generally, and is practised to a greater or lesser extent in the cultivation of all kinds of crops. The proper system of dry farming is to keep a soil mulch on the surface of the land at all time, not only during the growing of the crop, but in the intervals between harvest and seeding time. Thus, after the crop is planted, the land is kept cultivated with the harrow or weeder in order to break the surface crust and conserve the soil moisture, and, following up the same principle, the harrowing or working with the weeder after the grain is up, and during the growing period frequent cultivation is practised.

Summer Culture

Of course, after wheat or oats or any of the like grains are up a certain height, say from two to three inches, cultivation begins to get out of the question. If the wheat be thin an implement cannot be put on the land that will root out any of the plants, but the weeder can be used which forms a surface mulch and still does not harm the grain. Crops such as potatoes, corn and various roots that are planted in rows from two to three feet apart can be cultivated the entire summer, and the farmer who does such will reap his reward. After the crop is harvested cultivation should not be discontinued, but the surface of the ground loosened by the use of the disc harrow as soon as possible after the crop is removed, and thus the soil is kept continually in a condition, not only to prevent the loss of the water already stored in the soil, but the same condition and mellow surface favors the absorption of rain and largely prevents the loss of water by surface drainage.

Summer culture is, therefore, different from summer fallowing, for the sole aim of the first is to keep the land constantly stirred to conserve the rainfall, whereas the object of the latter is simply to rest the ground by letting it lie idle. Furthermore, the old idea of allowing the weeds to grow in order to turn under the green manure, as commonly practised by the summer fallow system, is now condemned by many of the leading agriculturists, who lay special stress on clean and continuous tillage for the conservation of moisture. Repeated experiments have shown a vast difference between the two systems; that of letting the weeds grow and that of keeping the surface tilled and clean. Growing weeds sap the ground of moisture to a great extent and leave the soil in a dry condition, so that when plowed the soil turns over in a lumpy condition, and cannot be

made into a moisture seed-bed for a considerable length of time. If the summer happens to be a dry one, and there is little rain in the fall, chances are that the soil will not be in a mellow condition in the spring.

Dry farming is a system that has to be learned. The ideal farmer is first of all a student, then an investigator, and, finally, a specialist; ever alert for new things and new ideas, open-minded and free from conceit; a man familiar with what is going on around him, and yet devoted to his own work.

Proper Plows

The ordinary moldboard plow does better work than the disc plow, but disc plows are now widely used and have a recognized place in dry farming. They do good work on old lands, and they can be used in dryer soils than is practicable with the moldboard plows. The disc plow also has an advantage over the moldboard plow in sticky gumbo soil or stony land. A disc plow if run deep is of special value in breaking up the plow-sole which is apt to be formed by the constant use of the moldboard plow, set at the same depth year after year. Many farmers, however, try to cut too wide a furrow with their disc plows, which results in a poor job. Subsoil plows have not been used to any extent as yet in the West. However, those who have subsoiled a part of their land have found it to be advantageous. The first year after subsoiling the land does not give a very good crop, but after the subsoil has been acted upon by the air it gives a much better crop the second year, and the deep plowing makes a splendid reservoir to hold the moisture. Deep plowing is an essential part of dry farming. The subsoil plow is used to good purpose in heavy clay soils that require under draining. In subsoiling, it is customary to turn the surface with a common plow and to follow in this furrow with the subsoil plow. This loosens the soil to a depth of eighteen to twenty-four inches from the top of the ground. Subsoiling, of course, does not need to be done every year, but only occasionally when a hard-pan has formed at the bottom of the usual plowing depth.

Subsoiling

R. B. Starr, of Adams County, Illinois, has the following to say re subsoiling. Although his experience was with corn, his conclusions are valuable to the Western farmer:

First, "What is the best time to subsoil?" Any time. Either spring or fall, when it will interfere least with other important work. But I think that spring is rather the best, as the subsoil is softer then from the snows and rains of winter and spring.

"What is the best kind of a plow?" The wedge, or shoe-shaped plow. For the reason that it breaks up and loosens the subsoil much better than the harrow-tooth kind.

"How many horses are needed?" That depends on how deep the plow is to run. I generally use three, but sometimes four, running the plow fifteen inches in heavy clay.

"How deep ought the plow to run?" As deep as your horse can pull it; the deeper the better.

"How often ought land to be subsoiled?" Once in five years is very good, but oftener might be better.

"Do you think it would benefit my land to use a subsoiler?" I certainly do; more than anything you could do for it at the same expense.

I have a small field, ten acres, that has been cropped with corn, wheat, rye, oats and grass continuously for more than seventy years. The land is a deep, black soil, except about two acres on one side, that is a gradually sloping hill. The soil has been washed from the hill until there is very little left but clay. It was so poor that it did not pay for working, but as the field was regular I did not like to cut it out. Cornstalks would not grow much taller than a man's head, with no ears, and scarcely nubbins on them. For two years the field was in clover, but there was so little on the clay that I did not

cut it. In October, 1909, we plowed the clover sod with a two-horse, thirteen-inch walking plow, following it with four horses on the subsoiler, running it about fifteen inches deep. On May 26th last year I planted the field with yellow dent corn, and cultivated it five times through the season with eagle claw cultivators.

The crop averaged sixty bushels per acre, the very best corn in the field growing upon the clay ground. Stalks were thick, heavy, and from ten to twelve feet tall. The ears were large, sound, well matured, and some of them as high on the stalks as a man could reach.

I picked my seed corn for this year's crop on that clay hill, besides selling several bushels to neighbors at \$1 per bushel as it came from the field.

I have just finished testing a quantity of it, and find that it tests just ninety-eight and one-half per cent. of good, vigorous growth.

A good many farmers in this vicinity complain that their corn did not ripen well last fall, and that it has not kept well through the winter. I give full credit to my subsoil plow for the improved condition of that clay hill, and believe that crop alone has more than paid for the plow. There has been no manure put on any part of that field for seven or eight years, and all parts of it have been treated exactly alike.

I have subsoiled in all about forty acres, but this field has shown the most marked improvement of any, although I am satisfied that my other land has been benefited. Eighteen years ago I tiled forty acres of land, laying seven thousand tile at a cost of about \$300. I feel that the work paid me well, as I had been troubled a little with surface water in very wet seasons, and there were a few weak seeps. But for ordinary land, I think that subsoiling is a good deal cheaper way of draining than with tile.

Three hundred dollars would have subsoiled my forty acres a good many times. My theory is that it is a benefit in wet weather for it allows the water to settle away much faster, and also prevents the soil from washing, as the deeper land is worked the less it will wash. It is a benefit also in dry weather, as the loosened subsoil acts as a sponge or reservoir, which helps to retain moisture. In subsoiling a field the second time, I think it is best to go crosswise of the first. A good many years ago I took an agricultural paper published in New York state. It said that farmers skinned their ground too much, and advised them to plow deep, very deep. Following that advice, I double plowed a field of twenty-five acres, running the second plow in the furrow of the first. And, although we did not turn up more than two or three inches of subsoil, the harmful effects of that plowing could be seen for a good many years. The crops were poor, some of them scarcely worth raising. But by tiling, subsoiling, manure and rotation, the soil has been built up, so that one-half of the field that was in corn made sixty-five bushels per acre the past season. The subsoil plow loosens the subsoil, but does not bring it to the surface; that should not be done.

I have tested the looseness of my subsoil land, and find that I can easily sink a tiling spade in it the full length of the blade, which I can not do in land that has not been so treated. I am satisfied that it will be a great many years before the plow pan will become as hard and solid as it was before being loosened up.

An objection to subsoiling may be made that it takes too much time, and that is too much trouble. But a farmer can do almost anything that he plans to do.

To summarize, then, I would say that subsoiling gives drainage in wet weather, conserves moisture in dry, breaks up and pulverizes the plow pan, allowing the warm air to enter deeper, gives a much looser and deeper seed bed and makes the upper soil work easier in following years.

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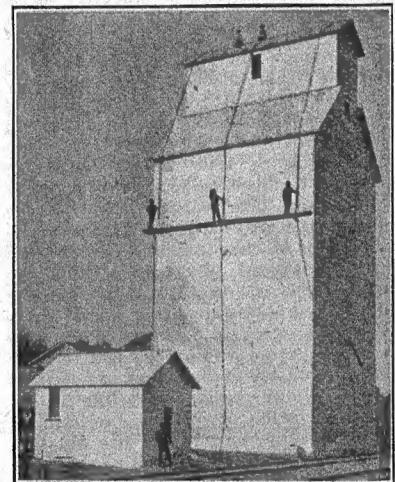
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The Details

The scheme is in two parts:

- (1) Sickness and Invalidity Insurance.
- (2) Insurance against Unemployment.

The sickness insurance is to be compulsory on all who earn wages or salaries under the income tax-level of \$15 a week.

The chief exceptions are:

- (1) Army and Navy, for which special provision is to be made.
- (2) Teachers, whose case is also to be separately dealt with.
- (3) Civil servants and municipal employees, who already have their own schemes.
- (4) Commission agents employed by more than one firm.

Casual labor is, as far as possible, included.

Finding the Money

Contributions will be generally:

Eight cents a week from men,
Six cents a week from the employer,
Four cents a week from the State.

Women will pay six cents a week.

Special provision is made for low wages, thus:

Daily Pay	Worker's Contribution
60 cents or under	6 cents
48 cents or under	4 cents
36 cents or under	2 cents

In such cases the employer who pays the low wages must make up the difference between the worker's reduced rate and what he or she would pay if wages were above 60 cents a day or \$3.75 a week.

Payment will be on the German plan, by stamps affixed to cards, dealt with by the post offices. The employer must purchase the stamps and deduct the worker's share from his wages.

The age limit is from about 16 years to 65. Men over 50 when they enter will receive reduced benefits, or, alternatively, may pay a higher rate of contribution.

Three weeks' immunity from contribution will be allowed per annum—or on the average 12 weeks every four years. No contribution will be required during the period of sick benefit.

For persons like the village blacksmith or the small tradesmen who are their own employers, a voluntary branch is arranged. They will pay 14 cents a week if men, and 12 cents a week if women.

Married women not in employment outside their homes are excluded. But 700,000 married women earning wages will come under the compulsory provisions.

The scheme will include:

By compulsion—Men . . . 9,200,000
Women . . . 3,900,000

13,100,000

Boys . . . 500,000

Girls . . . 300,000

Total (compulsion) . . . 13,900,000

Voluntary—Men . . . 600,000

Women . . . 200,000

Total (voluntary) . . . 800,000

Grand Total . . . 14,700,000

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The benefits are:

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III. A loan of \$7,500,000 a year for the building of sanatoria for tuberculosis, and a grant of \$5,000,000 a year to

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IV. Sick allowances at the following rates:

For men—\$2.50 a week for first 3 months; \$1.25 for next 3 months.

For women—\$1.90 a week for first 3 months; \$1.25 for next 3 months.

The lower rate for women is due to their lower scale of payment—6 cents instead of 8 cents a week.

V. Disablement Pension, for permanent inability to work, \$1.25 a week—the same figure, that is, as the old age pension.

Sickness benefit will not commence until the member has paid in for six months. Disablement pension will not be payable until two years of membership.

Benefits are made subject to the patient obeying doctor's orders, and a man who is ill through his own misconduct will be entitled to medical treatment but to no monetary allowance.

Certain exceptions to benefit should be mentioned.

Persons over 50 years will receive—men \$1.90 for the first three months' illness instead of \$2.50, and women \$1.50 instead of \$1.90.

Persons between 16 years and 21 years will receive—boys \$1.25 for three months, girls \$1.00 for three months, this instead of the normal \$2.50 for three months.

Children under 16 years who, being employed for a wage, must join the fund, will be entitled to medical treatment only.

Nothing is paid at death—this branch of insurance being left entirely to existing agencies.

The contributions will be:

	Per annum
From employers	\$45,000,000
From wage-earners	55,000,000

\$100,000,000

The charge on the state will be:

	nil
This year	nil
1912-13	\$ 8,710,000
1913-14	16,795,000
1915-16	22,815,000

Unemployment

Part II. of the Bill, dealing with unemployment, will apply to the engineering, the shipbuilding, and the building trades—that is, to 2,400,000 workers. The contributions are:

Per week

	5 cents
From employer	5 cents
From workmen	5 cents

From State—25 per cent. of the cost of the scheme.

Employers must make the remittance, which amounts to \$5 a year. A reduction to \$3.75 a year will be made in the case of all employers who pay a year at a time. This is an inducement to such employers to keep in hand a regular instead of a fluctuating staff.

The benefit under the scheme is, subject to revision, \$1.75 a week for 15 weeks. On the average workers must not receive more than one week's benefit for every five weeks' contribution, a stipulation which will eliminate the loafer. No benefit will follow dismissal for misconduct, and a man must be prepared to accept at fair wages a job if it be offered him through the Labor Exchanges.

The cost of the scheme will be roughly:

	\$5,500,000
From workers	\$5,500,000
From employers	4,500,000
From State	3,750,000

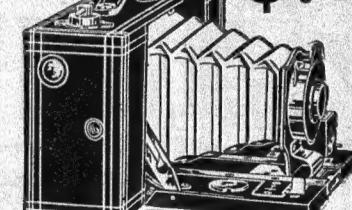
\$13,750,000

Mr. Lloyd George did not deal with the financial figures save very briefly, and we must be content for the moment with the statement that in the first year there will be raised under the whole scheme of insurance a sum of \$122,500,000, to which the State will contribute \$12,500,000. In the second year the State will contribute \$27,500,000.

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FREE DISCUSSION NEEDED

Editor, Guide:—It seems to me that farmers as a class have been the biggest fools in the country. But they are awakening. Most of them in the West have made money, but it has been from the rise in land values more than at farming. The average small farmer, for the capital he has invested and the work of himself and family (exclusive of the rise in land values) is the poorest paid worker in the country. Large bodies move slowly, but when in motion are almost irresistible, and the farmers are beginning to move. If they will stick together they can have just what they want. Railroad men, carpenters, masons, in fact all large bodies of laboring men, have, and maintain, their organizations and have their wages raised. Manufacturers also work together and have agreements among themselves to maintain and control prices of their goods, but the farmers have done nothing until a short time ago, and that is why I think they have been fools. The farmers of Canada may mould to their will legislatures, courts and constitutions; politicians strive for their favor and political parties bid against one another for their vote. But what avails all this if the farmers do not know what they want? Leave politics out altogether and study the questions of the day. Decide whether protection or free trade is the best and work for the side you think best. If protection is good, let us unite to have more of it. If free trade is best, let us have absolute free trade. Logically, there is no middle course, except as a means to an end. When an expert is called in to test a signature, he photographs and enlarges a genuine signature and the one in dispute. Differences that would not ordinarily show, when enlarged are quite plain. Let us carry protection and free trade to the farthest point. If protection is good for a country, it is good for a province or state, for a country, a municipality, a village or home. If carried to such an extreme it would carry us back into barbarism in a generation. Free trade carried to the extreme is absolute free trade. Now compare them. I heartily recommend all to read "Protection or Free Trade," by Henry George. After studying it, read all you can in favor of protection. The usual result is an absolute free trader, and one who can defend his views against all comers. Here is the first page of the book:

"Near the window by which I write a great bull is tethered by a ring in his nose, grazing round and round; he has wound his rope about the stake until now he stands a close prisoner, tantalized by rich grass he cannot reach, unable even to toss his head to rid him of the flies that cluster on his shoulders. Now and again he struggles vainly, and then, after pitiful bellowings, relapses into silent misery.

"This bull, a very type of massive strength, who, because he had not wit enough to see how he might be free, suffers want in the sight of plenty and is helplessly preyed upon by weaker creatures, seems to me no unfit emblem of the working masses.

"In all lands, men, whose toil creates abounding wealth, are pinched with poverty and, while advancing civilization opens wider vistas and awakens new desires, are held down to brutish levels by animal needs. Bitterly conscious of injustice, feeling in their inmost souls that they were made for more than so narrow a life, they, too, spasmodically struggle and cry out. But until they trace effect to cause, until they see how

they are fettered and may be freed, their struggles and outcries are as vain as those of the bull. Nay, they are vainer. I shall go out and drive the bull in the way that will untwist his rope, but who shall drive men to freedom? Till they use the reason with which they have been gifted, nothing will avail. For them there is no special Providence."

Study and discussion is what is wanted. Next best to the man who works for free trade is the man who works against it. Make it a live question. Study and read all that you can for and against it and hold your views, not because The Guide says so, not because Henry George says so, or the grits or tories say so, but because you think so. I am not a farmer, but believe in liberty and free trade as liberty to trade where you will. The labor organizations and manufacturers have worked for themselves, not caring for, and often at the expense of, the other fellows. The Grain Growers seem to me to be working in the opposite direction, trying to knock out Special Privilege, throw down barriers and give all an equal chance, and I heartily agree with them. I believe in the people ruling, and the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall will allow the people to rule. Then when our representative signs a letter "humble and obedient servant" it will be true. Study these questions and work. Not much difference which way you work for or against, but work. When opinions are free and discussions are plenty the best will prevail.

J. R. WILLIAMS.
Belmont, Man.

ELECT INDEPENDENTS

Editor, Guide:—In striving to make the farmers' and laboring men's voting power an effective force in determining legislation either provincial or Dominion, there seems to be some diversity of opinion. Some think we should reform the two old parties or use our influence in rural constituencies to nominate men of our own stamp, whose interests are identical with our own, in the party conventions of both parties, who are pledged to support the farmers' platform. Some think we should have an independent party with a platform, and some think we should nominate independent candidates without having a party or platform, but must select men whose sympathies and financial interests are identical with our own. Now in regard to the first, some of our most progressive men in the West, like Mr. Partridge and Mr. Kennedy, are in favor of it. Now, this plan has not been tried among the farmers of Canada, the United States, or any of the European countries that I am aware of. It therefore must be our experiment, and it remains to be determined whether it will work out as satisfactory or successfully as some of our men expect. In the first place, pledging a candidate to support the farmers' platform is hardly rational unless those platforms are identical.

In the second place, will it be possible to beat the party machine in selecting a candidate? Here is where the pinch comes. Now, suppose there are nearly enough independent men in each riding to constitute 50 per cent. of the delegates at a Conservative convention and an equal number in a Liberal convention and they are unable to nominate their candidates in either case, let the Independents in both parties join together and they have an overwhelming majority over either party machine candidate. For this reason I think it would undoubtedly be a good thing to have an independent political organization in each constituency

and at a representative convention that organization should try and nominate independent Conservative or Liberal candidates. If we farmers had this organization we would be more apt to carry the party conventions than without it. The way our Western representatives, both Liberal and Conservative, have responded to the party whips in voting on the elevator bill, the reciprocity agreement, and other questions is not such as to increase one's confidence that, if selected in the way outlined above, they would support the farmers' interests instead of voting with the party, and for this reason I am inclined to think that the policy of nominating straight independent candidates without pledging them to any platform except the Initiative and Referendum would be better than either of the other plans. However, with an independent political organization outside of our farmers' unions, the electors of each constituency could determine the plan to be adopted in each and if we had a number of independent Conservative and a number of independent Liberals and a number of straight independents elected, they could, if they would, to some extent at least, look after the people's interests and prevent the capitalists and exploiters from gaining possession of the immense natural resources of Canada before they are all grabbed up by those interests.

JAS. A. LENNOX.
Pres., Rocky Coulee Union.
Granum, Alta.

SUGGESTS PLEBISCITE

Editor, Guide:—Supposing that in order to remedy matters as they now stand, politically, the farmers' unions and the trades unions, the producer and consumer, amalgamate together seeing they have got interests in common—their equal rights have to be protected against the insidious schemes and tactics of the enemy, Canadian corporations—and that district conventions be called, within easy travel for all who would desire to attend. The subject for consideration should be immediate Direct Legislation, including the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall system of voting on all measures becoming law. It would require but little time and money to perfect this suggestion, and it would have far-reaching and telling effects upon our avowed political enemies. Another suggestion I wish to bring before the people of Canada through the Grain Growers' Guide (the medium of truth) is to get up a campaign fund, furnished by donations sent in to The Guide to pay all expenses in connection with a trial election on Direct Legislation. The Guide would get ballot papers printed and send them out to all local unions to distribute among its members, or for each local union to hold an election day along the same lines as the federal and provincial elections, one returning officer to be appointed with two scrutineers who will take charge of the polling booth and ballot box until after the election is over. They would count the votes for or against and send the returns into The Guide office. In this way the people of Canada would know just exactly how they stand on the question and their attitude in the next federal and provincial elections. I am convinced there is absolutely no use in trying to reform the present Parliament. Direct Legislation should become law and be given to the people of Canada. Get this without delay and free trade and all other things will be added much more easily.

A. McCULLOCH.
Lundbreck, Alta.

ORGANIZE THOROUGHLY

It appears to me rather an unreasonable thing for the farmers of Canada to send delegation after delegation to the authorities, praying and pleading for tariff reform, free trade and many other things that I believe it is the people's privilege to demand at the peril of the powers that be. Are not the farmers the great majority in Canada today and is not their interest identical from the Atlantic to the Pacific? Are they not the wealth producers of the country? Are not their interests far in excess of any other? Why, then, can the farmers not get justice simply just because of that great levathian, politics? Vested interests make use of those simple words, "grit" and "tory," at election times to accomplish their own ends much to their satisfaction. Now, should not the farmers organize into one gigantic association from one end of Canada to the other as

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other vested interests and organizations do, and elect men to Parliament who will see that our demands are considered? Do not other institutions of all descriptions organize and, through organization, form a formidable force and through this force demand at the hands of the powers that be whatever they want and almost invariably get what they ask? So, Mr. Farmer, do likewise.

GEO. MILLER.

Cook's Creek.

MR. BORDEN'S TOUR

Editor, Guide:—I have read in The Guide that the executive of the Grain Growers' Association has decided to give Mr. Borden much the same reception as that given Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the Western farmers, and I sincerely hope that the dose, if anything, may be a stronger one. The editors of many Eastern papers still imagine that the farmers of the West do not know what they want. The idea, therefore, of making an impression that will last on the mind of Mr. Borden and the whole Opposition is a good one. Will Mr. Borden also accuse Mr. Evans of talking party politics? Mr. Fielding has warned the Eastern people, especially the Manufacturers' Association, of the danger of a cleavage between East and West and I think the danger a very real one, and in my humble opinion the root is in the carriers' rates and elevator excesses. The tariff accentuates the situation. Why not ask for free gasoline, coal oil and cement, as well as implements and grains? Gasoline is only ten cents a gallon across the line and oil nine to 12 cents and fifty cents duty on cement. It looks like injustice however it is looked at, and the road looks long that leads to the end of the injustice being borne by the common people.

C. D. STEWART.

Marquette, Man.

RECIPROCITY BEST FOR COUNTRY

Editor, Guide:—How men, particularly farmers who possess ordinary sense, can oppose the present reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States is difficult to comprehend. The arguments advanced by those opposed to the agreement are contradictory and foreign to all common sense and practiced experience. The figures given between prices of horses, cattle, hogs, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, hay and eggs (all productions from the farm) in Canada and the United States by those who oppose the pact are misleading and will not bear fair investigation. Careful perusal of recent speeches, made in and out of the Dominion Commons by the opponents of reciprocity in their futile attempts to show this move will not only ruin Canada's present prosperity but the outcome will be annexation, shows a piece of transparent nonsense readily perceived by those who are not blind to party. What must the farmers think when these men say we know nothing about the pact but must allow an over-presumptuous lot of politicians to do our thinking and we do the work; and men who neither party nor men in this discussion who speak out their mind are termed by those party fanatics, "grit organizers," "grit healers," just because of some backbone and principle see fit to support Laurier in his move to benefit Canada? Why, Sir, from one end of Canada to the other Conservatives are supporting this measure in spite of the party cry. The very fact that 90 per cent. of the Grain Growers' Associations passed resolutions in favor of this reciprocity must convince the men of reason that, irrespective of party, they

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consider it in their interests. It is simply waste of time and paper to try and convince men like Col. Hughes, who referred to Grain Growers as blacksmith politicians who left their wives at home in long boots cleaning out cow-stables. It is up to the Western farmers to stand united on this question and other demands we have made, or what further concessions can we expect?

JOHN UNDERHILL.
Strathclair, Man.

RE HOMESTEADS FOR GIRLS
Editor, Guide—I have four girls and no boys. Shipped the largest amount of

cream to Lloydminster creamery last year. We have eighty head of cattle and thirty horses and no hired help. My girls are all interested farmers and owners of stock, but not of land. It seems to be extraordinary that any government should be so short sighted as to refuse to provide for their daughters. I expect so much from them, especially considering that every son, no matter where from, is provided for. At least he gets a homestead. I know you are interested in this matter. Will you please kindly say whether you expect any ultimate success. I am a member of your splendid Association. All fathers of daughters are not fools. Let me whisper, we have Uncle Sam's invitation. Montana is a good enough place for me and mine. In twelve months I move. Not yet do my girls go begging even for a homestead. I confess that a free homestead for each of my girls, as a business proposition in the United States is going to get consideration. Do you blame me?

T. T. SANDERSON.

Paynton, Sask.

FARMERS STAND TOGETHER

Editor Guide—I see a lot in the press these days advising farmers to form either a new party or keep in touch with either of the two great parties, and try and pledge candidates to only vote in favor of legislation in the interests of the country and not for any class as at the present our legislators do. This is easier said than done, as how are we to know what legislation is to come before either our local or Dominion houses until the time comes? Then it is too late to see or get the feeling of the majority of the electors. Until we have the Recall we will be at the mercy of those who are working for their own advancement. We have a fair sample of what our representatives do when they get into power by the action of both the Manitoba and Saskatchewan legislatures voting themselves an increase of \$500 and \$100 indemnity respectfully. Now, when they will do this without ever a hint being thrown out before the session opened, how can we pledge our candidates to oppose such an expenditure of the people's money? I hold \$1,000 is a great big indemnity for the work our local men ever do, in this part of the country anyway, and I have no doubt our members do as well as most of the other fellows. It seems to me that it is a case of get all you can, no matter how you get it. I have seen a little of the working of the party system in Saskatchewan and how any fair-minded man can go in and work for either party is more than I can tell. I have done a little in my time at elections, but after election our representatives seem to have no more use for us until election time again. Now, to my mind, what we should do is organize, not Grit and Tory clubs or associations, but organize our Grain Growers' Associations into one grand army working in and for the interests of the country at large, and let our local Grit and Tory Associations die a natural death for want of members, as they are no use anyway as far as educating the great bulk of the electors goes. As a rule, such organizations are only alive a short time before there is an election in sight, just to boost up the respective candidates. A few weeks ago there was quite a flurry in Saskatchewan over the threat Premier Scott made in the local house, when obstructed by the opposition, stating if their way was not changed, it might be necessary to call in the Lieutenant-Governor and dissolve the House. Whether it was his threat or what it was, everything seems to be patched up and the House closed in perfect harmony after increasing the indemnity as before stated. I believe a platform framed along the lines of the big Ottawa delegation would go a long way to help out of the difficulties. I agree with what J. W. Scallion says as to organizing a new party—no need of it but let our branch association be the schools for the education of the people. Now, if The Guide can work up some platform and get the executive of the Grain Growers' Association to adopt it then we may see a great change coming over the people, as the only things we want are good leaders and the plain people will fall into line, as a lot of them are tired of the party system as at the present time constituted. The plain people certainly should back up The Guide in its stand for independence, and there is a great future open for someone to lead the plain people.

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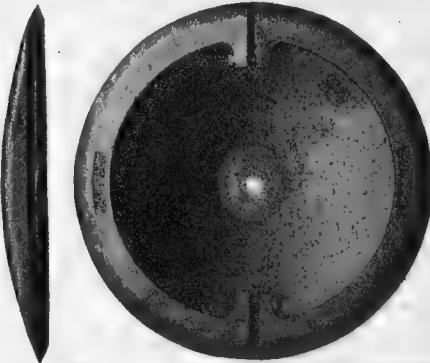
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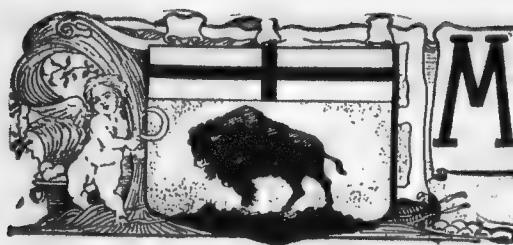
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Mixed Farming in Manitoba

A circular was sent out a few days ago to the different branches asking for prices paid for farm produce at the different points and also asking for information as to the extent stock raising and general mixed farming are carried on in each district, and reasons why mixed farming was not engaged in, in Manitoba. Up to the time of writing less than half of the secretaries have sent in a reply. On the question of mixed farming and the reason why farmers confine themselves almost exclusively to the raising of grain, we have had a number of interesting opinions, some of which are here reproduced. We hope sufficient replies will be in, in time for publishing a schedule of prices of farm produce that will clearly indicate what the growers of farm produce get for their product throughout Manitoba and also what the consumers of farm produce have to pay. We once more urge secretaries who have not yet filled in the report to do so without any delay.

Replies Received

Farmers are going in more for cattle of Shorthorn grades but are going more out of hogs. Hardly any sheep and poultry are kept, except for home use. The biggest drawback is want of reliable help and as long as wheat keeps high there is less work in it and it is cleaner. Neither the farmer, his sons, or "help" like chores. —Ed. Brown, Boissevain.

Mixed farming is carried on to quite an extent in this district. The land is becoming so dirty with weeds that the farmer is compelled to keep more stock, for he cannot grow wheat on dirty worn out land.—A. McBean, Ridgeville.

Mixed farming is pretty general in the district. Large numbers of cattle and hogs are shipped from this point and also poultry. A large number ship cream to Brandon and Winnipeg.—W. J. McPhail, Delta.

Mixed farming is not carried on extensively, the staple article being wheat. This may be accounted for from the fact that there is no steady market for the smaller articles of produce. For cattle and hogs, until the last two or three years, there has been no market. Another factor which is not conducive to the successful raising of stock is that our season of natural pasture is too short, and until farmers practice a better system of crop rotation, seeding down to timothy and clover, the profits from raising stock and marketing butter will not be very large. I doubt very much if, at the present time, one dollar's worth of butter is ever shipped out from this point, and the same may be said of poultry. If farmers were sure of a steady market at good prices I am sure more of them would go into mixed farming, but as long as they have to depend on the local store for a market no advancement will be made.—R. W. Glennie, Durban.

Market Much Poultry

This is a grain district, but the farmers are going into stock raising more every year. There are considerable quantities of poultry marketed every fall and quite a number of farmers have been buying sheep, but I do not know as yet if they will be a paying investment. We ship from this point about one car a week of cattle and hogs.—Ed. Isaacs, Souris.

Around Barnsley they raise quite a lot of rough grain, as oats, barley and timothy, and this year there will be quite a lot of corn for fodder. But east of here they grow mostly wheat. Quite a number of farmers around here and west raise stock, but east there is very little. Only enough butter is made for home use. Of poultry they raise quite a lot, but most farmers have poor poultry houses. In my opinion farmers could be induced to go more into stock raising if, firstly, we could get good lumber at a fair price and put up buildings to accommodate stock.—I find that if you cannot give them good shelter you are better without them; secondly, we could be sure of a fair price for our stock and not 2½ cents to 3 cents for good stock, as it is most of the time.—Wm. Aldcroft, Barnsley.

There is practically no mixed farming done in this district. We only keep enough cows and chickens to supply our own requirements. The reason for this is probably that the land is new and fairly rich yet, and being very cheap we are farming large pieces and are making a fair living thereby. But as soon as the land becomes more valuable we will farm less land, do it better, and then it will be almost a necessity to keep more live stock.—G. M. Verrall, Sanford.

Hard to Get Help

Mixed farming in this district is practised on a small scale. Each half section would average about one dozen head of Shorthorn cattle and horses sufficient to work the land. There is only one small flock of sheep within a radius of five miles. Poultry raising has increased the last two years, several hundred dollars' worth being shipped to Brandon last fall. The difficulty in stock raising is to get proper help.—Geo. Wolridge, Bradwardine.

Not much mixed farming practised in our district, with the exception of five or six farmers who keep from four to five hundred hens and make a good profit from them.—Edouard Jean, Haywood.

Although butter is being bought in the stores for 15 cents, yet some are making 20 cents selling to their customers all the year round. In regard to butter the store-keeper is in a fix as he cannot very well grade the butter he gets for fear of offending his customers. Having three merchants handling flour for cash only, we can buy at right prices on a very small profit. Some farmers complain that they cannot command the same prices for the home-cured pork as the imported stuff (Winnipeg) but I think the trouble lies in not wiping the extra salt off and giving the ham a polish. Very few sheep are kept in the district owing to a lack of proper fencing. A number of farmers are shipping their cream out as we have no creamery here. Want of good pasture keeps many from going into dairying as the prairie is only good for a very short season. As the land which is at present under cultivation becomes weedy, it can be sown down to grass for hay and pasture. On the rough country in the district a lot of cattle are raised, abundant hay for winter feed being procured in the sloughs. Co-operation in the handling of dairy produce and eggs especially along the line of providing cold-storage so that the producers would get a share of the dollars that are going into the pockets of the cold storage companies would be a benefit to the producers and thus be an incentive to production. The producer of one or two fat cattle is at the mercy of the buyers and they do not hesitate to take advantage of him. Farmers should co-operate, ship out their cattle together to a company who would see that they got what was coming to them. The G.G.G. Co. has brought the grain men to time, and it is time it took the cattle business in hand also.—W. R. Scott, Roblin.

Have Started Dairying

Until lately no mixed farming was carried on in this district, but now a few have branched into dairying in a small way, shipping the cream to creameries. The stock is of an inferior grade but is being improved by the introduction of good bulls, principally of the Shorthorn breed. Hogs are mainly Berkshires, but this year a few Tamworths have arrived, the first to my knowledge to be brought into the district. Horse raising is also carried on to quite an extent. In my opinion the reason why mixed farming is not more extensively engaged in is the difficulty in getting remunerative prices for stock raised. Whatever would tend to break up the hold the abattoirs and cold storage ring have on the market would help considerably.—Robt. Riddell, Minotona.

Mixed farming is not carried on as extensively as it would be had we a steady market so as to give some inducement to taking better care of stock, especially

cattle. In the fall of the year cattle are worth from 2½ to 4 cents per lb. and very seldom as high as 4 cents. As a result, cattle raising has gone back considerably. Scarcity of labor is also a reason for non-development as well as high wages for help. Horse raising is developing fast and hogs are also being raised to a considerable extent as a result of good prices within the last year or two.—E. H. Turner, Glenholm.

Mixed farming has not been very successful in this district. If the farmers would raise tame hay, rye grass, timothy and fodder corn, stock raising would pay better. I would suggest that an agricultural man be sent into the districts to address the farmers on mixed farming, once in a while. It would create interest and give them information.—A. T. Rice, Starbuck.

Poultry, Hogs and Cream

Farmers are getting down to mixed farming as fast as they can. Two-thirds of them ship cream to Brandon. Horse raising is going ahead, too. All farmers keep a few hogs, but not many are in the sheep business as fencing is so expensive. Poultry raising is also gaining ground.—J. T. Smith, Belmont.

Mixed farming is practised in this district but, in my opinion, poor stock is raised. Pedigree stock should be introduced. Cheaper feed would also be a great advantage.—Alf. Beaudin, St. Eustache.

To a certain extent mixed farming is carried on. Most farmers have cattle; some many, some few. Poultry raising and dairying are not carried on as a part of farming to any extent, simply because it does not pay to go in for them on a large scale, as the price of butter and eggs does not give adequate returns. Another reason why more cattle are not raised here is the uncertainty of prices and the high price asked for land that is of no value except for pasture. Also there is no cash market for farm produce other than grain. The produce is all taken out in trade on which the merchant makes two profits. My opinion is that if farmers were guaranteed a firm, remunerative, cash market for their produce they would pay more attention to mixed farming.—Herbert B. Gray, Silverton.

Most farmers keep some stock, but not as many as a few years ago. Dairying is only carried on slightly in excess of local demand. Good prices for wheat and the exceedingly low prices for stock of two years ago have caused farmers to reduce the number of live stock kept. Horse raising is advancing.—Arthur E. Barnes, Beresford.

Are Grading Up

Just a medium amount of mixed farming in this district. Very little pure bred stock, but pure bred sires used, and we are grading up. Very little more poultry than is needed on the farm, possibly some surplus in the fall. Unsteady markets are responsible, and also the high cost of lumber for proper buildings. Co-operative selling would also be a great benefit.—J. E. Docking, Swan Lake.

Not one quarter of the farmers in this district go in for mixed farming except to keep a cow, a pig and a few hens. The reason is the unsatisfactory condition of the home market, the price for the product being fixed by the storekeeper, as is also the price for the goods which he gives in exchange. Could we have a cash market for butter and eggs as we have for what I think that branch of farming would get a boost.—C. H. Gately, Austin.

Ours is a district in which there is lots of pasture, but not so much stock kept as formerly. I have lots of pasture but after ten years' trial of cattle for beef only, I quit it, as all I got was their society. There are more horses raised than there used to be, and fewer cattle; a few hogs, but not more than used for home consumption. A few send cream to the dairy at Brandon. The profit is too small for the amount of labor involved and, until market conditions are improved, mixed farming will not go ahead.—C. T. Watkins, Dunrea.

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No Land for Pasture

Mixed farming is not carried on as extensively as it was some years ago. The reason, I believe, is because there is no vacant land for pasture. There is very little dairying done; in fact, some farmers buy their butter. Considerable poultry is raised. I think the reason most farmers do not go more into stock raising is because they can make more money out of raising grain, with less labor.—Fred. Williamson, Strathclair.

Dairying is not carried on owing to scarcity of water and pasture, and want of help. There are lots of horses shipped in every year and sold at high prices, from \$450 to \$550 per team.—John W. Millions, Waskada.

The prices prevailing for cattle, and the prices paid hired help, lack of pasture and water effectively keep farmers in this vicinity from going into mixed farming.—Allan Ramsay, Eden.

Year by year this district falls away in stock-raising for beef. Dairying is carried on as a side issue by quite a few, but even these are decreasing as is also quality of stock. All farmers keep some poultry but few make even a pretense of making it a business. I attribute the indifference mainly to the difficulty of obtaining help. Even grain growers, pure and simple, have this difficulty. If it is known milking is done or that there is stock in any quantity no help is to be had.—J. H. Farthing.

Mixed farming is practised in our district very little, and is on the decrease, very few going in for raising either cattle or hogs. Very little dairying is done except for home consumption, some not even doing that. The reason why mixed farming is not practised more is on account of the small profits and lack of suitable and cheap labor.—Geo. M. Deveson, Inkerman.

Mixed Farming Gaining

Mixed farming is not practised extensively but is gaining steadily. Horses are receiving more attention than anything else, although cattle-feeding in winter is getting quite common. Great dissatisfaction with the marketing conditions in Winnipeg is one thing that is spoiling the cattle feeding. In my opinion the reason mixed farming is not practised more is because the profits from grain growing are considered by all more easily earned. To induce farmers to change their methods I think you cannot do better than improve marketing conditions and educate him, through your paper, as to what is for his own good.—Bert. F. Davidson, Neepawa.

Ten years ago all the farmers in this district kept good stocks of cattle, but now, in the main, they keep just a few more cows than are necessary for their own use and raise the stock from them. Prices for cattle have been generally so low that the farmer feels there is more money in selling the grain.—Robt. Dalgarno, Newdale.

I do not think there is fifty per cent. of the number of cattle in this district that there were twenty years ago.—Hy. Woodstock, Clanwilliam.

Mixed farming district. The stock are mostly Shorthorn grades with quite a few registered animals among them. Some farmers are crossing with Ayreshires to get a better dairying cow. Dairying is carried on quite extensively. Very few sheep in the district, but quite a number of hogs. The trouble is to get hired help.—Jno. Fisher, Hazel Ridge.

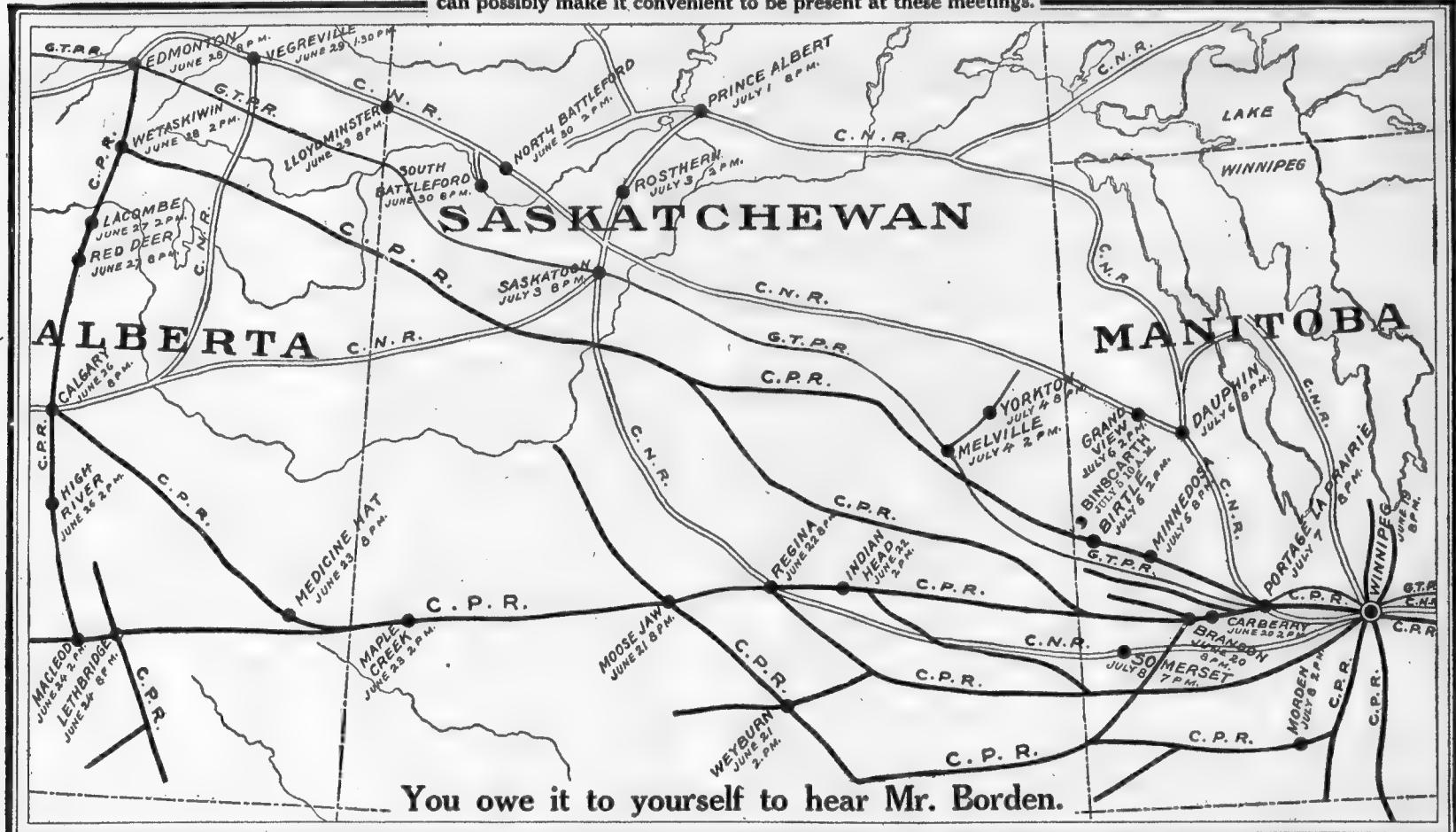
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Why Mixed Farming is Declining in Manitoba—The Remedy

Mixed farming has not been practised as much as it should be in this district. The majority of farmers keep very little live stock on their farms and many of them have no more cows, hogs, sheep or poultry than they need for their own use. There are, of course, a large number of good horses throughout the district and sometimes there is a carload shipped out. Dairying is not carried on very extensively at present, but we are trying to get the farmers interested along this line. During the summer there is considerable butter shipped out but during the winter the supply always runs short and butter has to be imported. The same is true in regard to the egg trade. There is also, a considerable quantity of live and dressed poultry shipped to Winnipeg every fall. Last fall there were three cars of live poultry shipped to the city. But a few years ago, there were more live stock in the district than there are at present, many having gone out of the business, devoting their entire energy to grain growing. The market conditions, I think, are responsible for this state of affairs. Grain growing is more profitable and likely to be for some years. No farmer is going to raise beef cattle when he knows that a combine practically controls the live stock market. What farmers want is the assurance that at all times they will be able to realize the market value of their product which should at all times be governed by supply and demand. The butter and egg trade is also in a very unsatisfactory condition. I have talked with all the town merchants and they all tell me they would welcome a better system of handling these products. At the present time they pay the same price for all kinds of butter and they seldom make a profit on the butter they handle. One merchant told me that fully one-half of the butter he receives from customers can only be sold as cooking butter, which, just now is selling from at eight to twelve cents per pound, and he has to pay 25 cents per pound for it. The same is true to a lesser extent in regard to eggs. Some farmers bring in beautiful large eggs, while others bring

in small ones, but the same price is paid for all kinds. Some say eggs ought to be sold by the pound, but whether or not this would make things better I am not in a position to say. In the handling of these products there is an entire lack of system. One merchant assured me that they would like to see the farmers work out some sort of co-operative system of marketing these products. Butter and eggs ought to be graded and then our merchants could buy whatever grade they wanted. In my opinion the best method of handling all farm produce would be through a large co-operative company composed of farmers with headquarters in Winnipeg and branches throughout the province. This work might be taken up by the Grain Growers' Grain Company now that they have a Dominion charter, or they could act in conjunction with co-operative companies which could be formed at different points throughout the province. If some such scheme could be worked out then the farmers would have full control of the marketing of their produce, and if they can succeed in selling their produce co-operatively they could, later on, buy many of their necessities co-operatively.

No Profit in Feeding

Mixed farming is carried on here, but not as extensively as it has not been a good paying proposition. The cost of feed is about equal to the returns from the beef. Though there is a good common grade of cattle raised from the best sires, mostly Shorthorn, a few have nice herds of pure bred cattle. While every farmer keeps a number of hens, few go in for raising for sale, except just those they do not need for themselves. Labor is high, and poultry raising comes in at a time when the farmer and his wife are both busy seeding and house-cleaning respectively. A number are sending cream to the Winnipeg creameries and it saves the time and labor of butter making in the hot weather. The reason mixed farming is not carried on more is on account of

no profit coming from it, as pasture land is more valuable for crop raising except in a few places and until something comes along in the way of higher prices I do not think it will be increased. Up till the present time farmers have made a good thing out of wheat raising and are loathe to go in for other side issues which tie them down more and, as help of the proper kind is scarce, it means that the man must do the work himself. Of course if there were more profits and better prices it might be a big inducement but just now he is leaving it to some other section where things are different.

A. H. CHESTER.

Hired Help Scarce

Horse raising easily ranks first. Every one is trying to raise horses and trying to raise good ones. The failure of crops last year caused farmers to sell off all the cattle they could last fall. The cattle raised are generally grade Shorthorn, something to give milk and make beef. Dairying is not carried on to any extent. Farmers do not like dairying cattle for beefing purposes. Neither do buyers. The difficulty of getting hired help, both inside and outside, stands in the way of dairying. As a general thing, people ship their spare cream to the Crescent and Carson dairy companies of Winnipeg. They get cash for their cream, otherwise they would get trade at the local store, and farmers are all agreed that this is a thing of the past. An up to date business man would not do it. My personal opinion is that beef-raising would be helped considerably if we get reciprocity with the United States. The market here cannot be depended upon, but if our cattle had free entrance to the Chicago market at all seasons of the year we would raise cattle because it would be worthwhile. Another thing that would help us even more is the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle. We want all the markets we can get and no restrictions upon them, and when you place cattle on the Old Country market you are placing them upon the best market there is. In reference to hog-raising, I doubt if it will ever be carried on to the extent of beef raising in this cold country with long winters. Shorts are very dear and unless there is lots of milk young pigs do not do well. The only pig that pays is the

spring pig, born in warm weather and hustled along and sold before winter, when it weighs about 200 pounds. The price of lumber stands in the way of all stock raising. Very few sheep are kept in this district, but if woven wire fencing could be bought reasonably, the print of the golden hoof would be upon many farms. Poultry is being raised on every farm. To private customers in Winnipeg is the best way of disposing of eggs, but the carelessness of the express companies with empty egg crates is a scandal and would ruin any business.

W. J. LOVIE,

MR. AVISON AT BOWSMAN

Arrangements were made by the Bowsman Association to hold a Grain Growers' picnic on Victoria Day, May 24th. No time or trouble was spared to make the preparations complete, but unfortunately the heavy and continued rain prevented anything in the shape of an out-door gathering. The executive, however, with a view to making the best of a disappointing situation, called a meeting for the evening in the Grain Growers' hall, Mr. Avison, of Gilbert Plains, being present. In spite of the unsettled weather, a fairly good representation turned out. The chair was taken by President W. Edwards who introduced Mr. Avison. Mr. Avison, after a kindly expression of his pleasure in meeting, for the first time, the members of the Bowsman Association, proceeded to the subject of his address which was, "The Aims and Progress of the Organization." After dwelling briefly on the origin and early history of the Grain Growers' Association, Mr. Avison dealt in turn with work and results in the various departments. Some of the most noticeable points were: The influence of the Grain Growers' Grain Company on the Western market; the influence of the provincial associations on legislation; the power of the local associations and the good work done by The Guide. In closing Mr. Avison made a strenuous plea for Direct Legislation as the surest and best remedy for existing abuses. After a vote of thanks the meeting adjourned.

journed. R. DAVIES, Correspondent.
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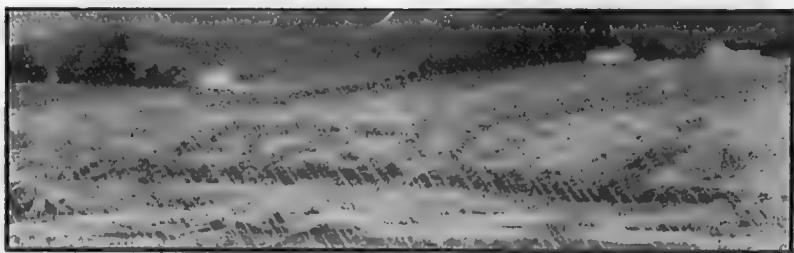
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SWAMP FEVER
T. W., Man.—Five-year-old gelding died after being ill for eight months. He would thrive for about three weeks; when let out would run and kick up his heels, then he would fall off his feed for about the same length of time and sometimes get so weak he would stagger when walking. His lips and gums would get white with fever, pulse would be weak and irregular. When opened, found his bowels and intestines covered with clusters of red spots, also left lung was congested with blood. This is the second horse I have had die like this. Do you think it is swamp fever? What is the best remedy for the disease?

Ans.—I think your horse was suffering from swamp fever. I think the disease is infectious in summer time, as I believe mosquitoes carry the infection and perhaps some species of flies. I would advise you to whitewash your stable, and during the summer to sprinkle it three times a week with a spray solution of crude carbolic acid. Put screen doors on.

DEAD SOW
G. W. M., Alta.—Sow farrowed on May 20; when I went to feed her, found her dead. Opened her and found blood very dark, liver puffy. What was the trouble?

Ans.—Your description of post mortem is very vague and if you had sent in a portion of the liver for examination we could have formed a better opinion as to the cause of death, but it was probably due to inflammation of the liver.

ABORTION IN MARE
Subscriber, Purves, Man.—Mare nine years old has had four colts, all of which were dead at foaling. Can you tell me if there would be any use breeding her again?

Ans.—I don't think it advisable to breed this mare again.

TO DRY UDDER IN MARE

Subscriber, Purves, Man.—Mare gives a great flow of milk. What will dry her up. She is working every day.

Ans.—Bathe udder once daily with warm water to which add a little vinegar, then rub belladonna ointment on.

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Ans.—I would advise you to have your cow tested for tuberculosis and have the udder examined. The cause may be due to the cow eating some herd at pasture. Have the pasture examined.

IS MARE IN FOAL?

R. W. P., Alta.—I don't think it likely that your mare is in foal. Barren mares will often take the horse when he comes round. If she comes in season again have her served, but if she comes in season after next service, I would not advise breeding again this season.

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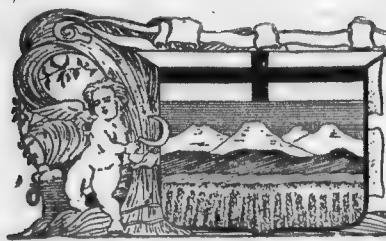
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Successful District Convention

Despite the rain the district convention held at Macleod on Thursday, May 25, was a huge success, about seventy-five delegates being present from all parts of the constituency. The meeting was called to order shortly after ten o'clock by the general secretary, who stated that, before asking for the nomination of a chairman, he had to convey to the meeting the apologies of Mr. Bower for his inability to be present. All knew of the hard work he had been doing on behalf of the Association during the past winter and the result was that he was now far from well and under doctor's orders was compelled to take a complete rest. G. W. Buchanan, director for the Macleod district, was then nominated as chairman and took the chair. E. F. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the town of Macleod, addressed the convention and on behalf of the town conveyed a hearty welcome to the delegates. Mr. Grady, president of the board of trade, also welcomed the delegates to Macleod and brought up the matter of the Dry Farming congress. He hoped that all would work together to see that the country was well represented at the next congress at Colorado Springs and that it would be possible to bring the congress to Alberta in 1912. R. Patterson, M.L.A., conveyed the greetings of his district and hoped the convention would be a profitable one. Secretary Fream then took up the work of the Association, showing what had been done since the last convention and explaining the present position of affairs in regard to the many matters turned over to the executive after the annual meeting. The convention then adjourned till one o'clock.

Afternoon Session

The chairman called the meeting to order at 1:15 and stated that the first business to be taken up was that of how to improve the organization and to increase the interest in the Association.

Mr. Henderson moved and Mr. Lennox seconded: That the secretary be instructed to convey to our president, Mr. Bower, our sympathy in his present ill health and to wish him a speedy recovery, and further that we most heartily thank him for the splendid work he has done for the Association during the past winter. Carried unanimously.

The matter of organization was then taken up and the secretary explained what was required from the members. The great need was to get into touch with the outlying districts and the subject for consideration was whether any plan could be devised whereby these places could be reached and the residents interested without having to engage a large staff of paid organizers. Mr. Malchow said the better way for organization work to be done is for the men to take it up and do it themselves. Mr. Lennox explained that some districts were just waiting to take up the organization and all they wanted was someone to show them the way. If a good central committee was appointed to take up the work good might result. Mr. Mackintosh explained how the Howe district was organized. They did not wait for anyone but went ahead themselves, and were keeping up the interest by co-operating in the purchase of necessary supplies, thereby saving their members many dollars. Mr. Henderson thought that, if we wanted to follow out the line adopted at the Stettler convention, the first thing should be the foundation of a local committee with power to handle this work. Mr. Malchow suggested that each union represented at the convention should appoint one member upon a committee as a permanent organization committee to take charge of this work. Mr. Lennox considered that this would make a very cumbersome committee and that what was required was a few active men who would be interested in the work.

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Lennox seconded: We elect a committee of eleven to represent the district as an organization committee, the members to be elected from the different portions of the constituency.

The resolution was further discussed and it was suggested that a good plan

would be for this committee to divide themselves into sub-committees in charge of the various parts of the district, so that all would be represented. The motion was then put and declared carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and carried: That a speaker be allowed to speak once on a subject only, and that each speaker be allotted not more than three minutes.

Organization Committee

The organization committee was then nominated as follows: A. R. Main, Mountain Hill; G. A. Dixon, Spring Ridge; R. K. Peck, Claresholm; G. Malchow, Claresholm; C. R. Miller, Stavely; W. J. Glass, Macleod; H. Mackintosh, Macleod; M. R. Matheson, Granum; G. D. Sloan, Cayley; J. Horner, Macleod; C. N. Black, Pearce.

It was moved, seconded and carried: That the members as nominated constitute the permanent committee for the Macleod district and that the committee have power to take up any matters consistent with the work of the association, to arrange for further organization work, appoint sub-committees and to take up any other matters which may be of interest to the U. F. A.

Mr. Glass moved, and Mr. Miller seconded: That this Macleod district convention of the United Farmers of Alberta endorse the reciprocity agreement now pending, but regret that it does not go far enough in reducing the duty on farm implements, also that this resolution be forwarded to the executive of the association for action to be taken thereon.

Mr. Turner moved as an amendment, and Mr. McFadden seconded: That further consideration of this matter be deferred until the whole question is put to a referendum of the members for their vote to be taken thereon.

Considerable discussion ensued upon this question and upon the vote being taken the amendment was declared defeated. The original motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Turner moved and Mr. Mackintosh seconded: That this district convention is strongly in favor of the Dry Farming congress and believes that it is to the interest of the farmers that Alberta should be represented at the congress to be held at Colorado Springs this fall; further, that every effort should be made to bring the 1912 Congress to Alberta, and that the executive committee be requested to do everything possible to assist in this project. Carried unanimously.

Mr. McFadden moved and Mr. Turner seconded: That the executive take steps to arrange for a conference between the representatives of the farmers and the manufacturers of agricultural implements with a view to discussing the relations between the two parties.

Not What They Should Be

Mr. McFadden stated that it was admitted that the relations between these two bodies were not all they should be, and it might be possible to arrange for a meeting where these relations could be discussed and a better feeling result therefrom. Mr. Turner said that it was reported that the Manufacturers' Association, at the time of their visit to Ottawa, had stated that they were anxious to meet the farmers and therefore we should not be backward in offering to meet them.

Mr. Henderson moved as an addition to the motion, and Mr. Lennox seconded: That the mover and seconder of the resolution be a committee to formulate a scheme whereby the plan suggested could be worked out.

The secretary explained what the Association was trying to do in the matter and promised, on behalf of the executive, that every effort would be made to bring about better conditions between the two bodies mentioned either by a conference or by any other plan which might be considered feasible. Further that any suggestions which might be given to assist in carrying out this work would be very welcome. Mr. Turner then suggested that as the secretary had promised to see that the matter was taken up and that the matter had been fairly well discussed it might be advisable to withdraw the resolutions as presented and leave the matter for the executive to work out. This suggestion was agreed to and the resolution and addition were therefore withdrawn.

Mr. Carroll moved and Mr. Glass seconded: That the executive be requested to keep the matter of a government banking system close to the front and endeavor to have the system adopted by New Zealand brought into force in Canada. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

It was moved by members of Orton Union: That the subject of a farmers' grist mill is one of great importance and is worthy of discussion at this convention.

In connection with this subject an excellent paper had been prepared by R. C. Orr, of Orton Union, and was read to the convention. Owing to pressure of space, it is impossible to give this paper with the report of the convention, but it will appear in full at an early issue. A discussion ensued on the merits and working of some small grist mills and it was decided that the secretary should write to the manufacturers and secure a full supply of catalogs and other information relating to the mill and supply a copy of same to all the local unions.

Tax on Unoccupied Lands

The matter of the double taxation of unoccupied land was then introduced for discussion and in connection therewith the secretary asked for an expression of opinion on the question of acreage tax vs. single tax for adoption in the rural municipalities.

After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried: That the resolution adopted at the last annual convention relating to the land tax be confirmed by this convention as follows: That wherever a land tax is imposed there shall be imposed on unoccupied or unutilized lands a surtax of 50 per cent. of the amount of the ordinary assessment.

Mr. Barker moved and Mr. Matheson seconded: That this convention endorse the principles of taxation by land values only. Carried unanimously.

The subject of co-operative marketing was then introduced and several delegates gave their experiences in the purchasing of supplies in carload lots for the benefit of the Union. It was the opinion of the convention that this was a plan which should be adopted as far as possible, and, further, that the farmers should deal as much as possible among themselves or with those firms who had shown by their actions to be in sympathy with the farmers.

The matter of presenting an address and resolutions to R. L. Borden was then introduced and it was unanimously decided that the organization committee appointed should be given full power to represent the district in preparing a case for presentation at the time of Mr. Borden's visit to Macleod on June 24.

Mr. Matheson moved and Mr. Blunden seconded: That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the municipality of Macleod for the hospitality and courtesy shown to the members present at this convention. Carried unanimously.

The convention then adjourned till seven o'clock.

Evening Session

The convention was called to order at 7:15 o'clock by the chairman, who asked the members if there was any matter anyone had to bring forward before taking up the subject for the evening, that of Direct Legislation. Mr. Nickells asked what the opinion of the members was on the subject of the Association going into party politics. This question brought forth considerable discussion, but the general feeling expressed was that it would not be wise for the Association to enter the party politics arena in the shape of introducing a third party into the field. A question was asked about membership cards and the secretary answered that as soon as a desire for them was expressed in the shape of an order from any of the unions they would be stocked and sold to the unions at cost. A subject of transferring members from one union to another was brought up and the answer given that this would require an amendment to the constitution to govern same, further that two notices of motion for consideration at the next convention had already been forwarded to the central office.

Direct Legislation

The subject of the evening, Direct Legislation, was then taken up and, at the request of the convention, it was introduced by the secretary who, in the course of a fairly long speech, covered the ground and explained what was being done in other countries. Several members expressed themselves upon this subject and the consensus of opinion was that it was a subject which we must all fight for if we are going to remedy conditions to any great extent. R. Patterson, M.L.A., addressed the convention and

explained some of the work which had been undertaken at the last session of the legislature. He also stated that he was strongly in favor of Direct Legislation and would do everything possible to secure its adoption.

T. Dickson, mayor of Macleod, was then called upon. He assured the members that the town of Macleod was only too glad to welcome them and trusted that their stay had been a very enjoyable one.

Mr. Barker then moved and Mr. Miller seconded: That this convention should endorse the principle of Direct Legislation and that the members should be requested to use every legitimate means to secure the early adoption of this most necessary measure upon the Statute Books of the Province. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Mackintosh seconded: That we extend to our secretary a hearty vote of thanks for his work and for the assistance he has given us at this convention. Carried.

Mr. Patterson moved and Mr. Matheson seconded: That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to our chairman for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided at the meetings of the convention. Carried.

The chairman and secretary thanked the members for their good wishes. The convention then adjourned.

EDWARD J. FREAM, Sec'y.

List of Delegates

The following is the list of delegates who registered at the Macleod convention:

G. W. Buchanan, Cowley Union; J. S. McMurray, Orton Union; E. Bailey, Ardenville Union; J. S. McMurray, Orton Union; E. Bailey, Ardenville Union; G. D. Sloane, Cayley Union; Evan Reese, Big Hill Union; W. Turner, Hazelmore Union; Alf. Pelletier, Fincher Creek Union; R. Henderson, Pincher Creek Union; W. R. Lees, Mountain Mill Union; J. G. Swinney, Cowley Union; F. S. Clay, Pine Coule Union; T. C. Orr, Orton Union; C. Blunden, Rocky Coulee Union; W. H. Shield, Rathwell Union; D. L. Mudiman, Rathwell Union; E. Graham, Spring Ridge Union; P. H. Tolley, Pearce Union; C. N. Black, Pearce Union; H. W. Pettie, Pearce Union; L. O. Walton, Pearce Union; F. M. Corrigan, Pearce Union; A. H. McFadden, Hazelmore Union; W. B. Thorne, Aldersyde Union; E. H. Wenger, Aldersyde Union; D. Robertson, Ardenville Union; J. S. Hooley, Daily Creek Union; J. A. Lennox, Rocky Coulee Union; J. R. McLean, Howe Union; G. A. Dixon, Spring Ridge Union; M. C. Difford, Spring Ridge Union; A. H. Main, Mountain Mill Union; D. F. W. Willcock, Pincher Creek Union; M. H. Matheson, Jumbo Valley Union; D. Mackintosh, Jumbo Valley Union; Donald Munro, Rocky Coulee Union; W. J. Glass, Hazelmore Union; P. Carroll, Hazelmore Union; G. A. Barker, Jumbo Valley Union; C. R. Miller, Pine Coulee Union; J. S. Brown, Pine Coulee Union; T. B. Stanford, Pine Coulee Union; J. Oliver, Pine Coulee Union; F. Crissons, Pine Coulee Union; J. T. Dericott, Orton Union; R. C. Orr, Orton Union; H. W. Bohmer, Jr., Orton Union; D. H. Nichols, Daley Creek Union; A. Firth, West Lethbridge Union; H. C. Davis, Keno Union; E. H. Hann, Jno, Butte Union; B. Koole, Rose Butte Union; H. E. Miebach, Rose Butte Union; R. Schurtema, Pearce Union; R. Patterson, Pearce Union; W. Gray, Daley Creek Union; J. Norner, Rathwell Union; J. F. Mosley, O. A. Finstad, W. Matson, L. W. Davis, T. C. Larsen, T. Brown, G. Malchow, T. P. Mosley, A. M. Berg, all of Claresholm Five Mile Union; H. Mackintosh, Howe, Union; E. J. Fream, Secretary, Calgary.

Besides these registered delegates there was at all times a number of interested visitors and spectators and it was seldom that there were less than one hundred in attendance during the meeting.

WHAT UNIONS ARE DOING

On May 22nd last, the U.F.A. was able to bring about the settlement of a rather important case affecting some of the members of the Association, and relating to the guarantee given in the purchase of farm machinery. Owing to pressure of space the report of this case cannot be given this week, but it will appear in an early issue and should make very interesting reading.

E. J. FREAM.

Readers of The Guide living in the Medicine Hat constituency where no local unions have been organized, can obtain assistance in organizing a union in their district from Mr. John Glambeck, secretary-treasurer of the Queenstown Union,

Milo Post-Office, who has kindly volunteered to do everything possible in getting this territory organized.

Reporting on organization work done in Southern Alberta J. Quinsey states: I made a visit to Rolling Hill local, which is situated about twenty miles from my home, and found a very interesting body of farmers waiting for me. I found that they had called me to speak on co-operation and as that is what our society is founded on, it was not a very difficult task. The members of that local are a splendid lot of men and are making good use of their union in buying oats, wheat and hay, so the theme of co-operation was a very suitable one for them. I then visited Bar Hill Union, which is also about twenty miles from home. I had written ahead arranging for the meeting and upon arrival found the members had arranged a good program of music and recitations. The school house was full, and there were as many ladies and children as men. I gave a talk on organization work and they secured eight new members, besides which a lot which had placed their names on the membership roll sometime previous also paid up their fees. Seeding is now on in full earnest and it will therefore be necessary to suspend operations along the line of organization work until this most important task is over. Once this is completed the work will again be taken up with vigor and something will be doing in this district.

The busy season is not retarding the growth of the U. F. A. and new unions are constantly being organized. The latest one is in New Norway, where J. R. Pointer, of Strome, has been busy. Although this union is starting off with only the ten members necessary to organize, it will not be long before the membership has considerably increased. The first officers elected are: Ludvig Olstad, president; Ed. Luther, vice-president; Frank Olson, secretary-treasurer, all of New Norway postoffice.

Although we started out under the name of Pride of the Prairie, at our first regular meeting after the organization of our Union we decided that this was not suitable, and wishing to connect ourselves with our market town it was decided to change our name to Carmangay West, and by such we will be known in future. There was a good attendance at this meeting at which eight new members were enrolled and two transferred from other unions. We have decided to hold meetings every other Saturday, and one each month will be a social. We have held our first social evening and it was a huge success. We are expecting a large addition to our membership at the next regular meeting.

L. A. STARCK, Sec.

Seeding operations probably had a great deal to do with the moderate attendance at the meeting of Sunnydale Union held on May 18 last. A resolution was adopted approving of the Strathmore hail insurance plan after some discussion. The members intend to co-operate for the purpose of buying binder twine. A year ago we saved money in a similar way and all were well satisfied. Some correspondence was dealt with and then the question as to "Whether we derived more benefit from theory or practice in farming" was debated on. The secretary took the side of theory and G. A. Rogers argued in favor of practice. Others expressed their views and when the vote was taken the majority favored theory. At our next meeting, on June 10th, the subject for general discussion will be "How to best beautify our farms."

F. WOOD, Sec'y.
Rivercourse, Alta.

At a meeting of Wavey Lake Union held recently the following resolution was passed: "Resolved that the Wavey Lake Local Union approves of the reciprocity agreement of increasing the British preference to fifty per cent. and of free trade with the United States in farm implements."

RALPH G. LYSTER, Sec'y.
Wavey Lake, Alta.

At a recent meeting of Rolling Green Union the reciprocity pact was endorsed by an unanimous vote.

CYRUS FINDERS, Sec'y.
Taber, Alta.

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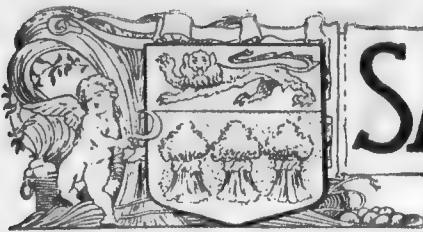
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SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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FRIEND PARTRIDGE IS UNWELL

Possibly there is nothing can give Grain Growers more cause for regret at the present time, than to learn of the continued indisposition of our old and faithful servant and friend, E. A. Partridge. No one in our association is more widely known, respected and honored. No one has worked harder to establish better conditions. His name has been for several years a household word throughout the three Western Provinces, and while we must in dutiful respect crown our king, amid the common rejoicings, we cannot forget that one of our most faithful leading workers is languishing, and though no crown bedecks his brow, his name is enshrined in the hearts of thousands through the western portion of our great Dominion. We feel sure that the knowledge of this will be more treasured by our suffering friend than sparkling diamonds or crowns of gold.

FRED W. GREEN.
Moose Jaw, Sask.

TAXATION ON LAND VALUES

As there is at present an active propaganda amongst farmers on the question of the single tax, or tax on land values, it cannot be out of place to discuss it in your columns, I do not think that any economic question (not even the tariff) demands more serious attention than this, from workers of all classes, and with this question is associated the name of Henry George, the author of "Progress and Poverty." Now, it will be well if farmers get this work (much advertised of late) and read it, and read it critically. No book should be begun with the idea that one is going to believe anything of the contents. Belief should only be the result of an appeal to, and a satisfying of the individual reason; and if my brother farmers are already acquainted generally with (at any rate some) political economy, they will find here in "Progress and Poverty" some interesting statements for consideration. Not all who have read "Progress and Poverty" have agreed with the writer. The late Right Hon. T. H. Huxley, F.R.S. called the book "d—d nonsense" (see his life, volume 8), and it may be taken for granted that most of the single tax agitators (including Grain Growers and Saskatchewan M. L. A.'s) have never read the work at all. It should be known by every reader at the start that Henry George was capitalistic in sympathy (exclusively so) in spite of his statement that wages are not paid from capital. He was non-malthusian; that is, he did not believe that under ideal social conditions population would tend to increase beyond subsistence (probably the best part of his work). His statements regarding the parts played by labor and capital in the production of wealth will not bear analysis; he could not see that his arguments for the appropriation of the "unearned increment" of land were equally applicable to any other "unearned increment"—of capital for instance; and while condemning others for using false analogies to prove conclusions, no one sinned more grievously in this than himself. The conclusion, as a farmer, that I have reached is this: that granting that the taxation of land values to get at the "unearned increment" is just, then must the principle be extended to include the taxation of all unearned increments of all wealth whatsoever (an income tax does this). It is impossible to discuss every statement I have made in a single letter, but allow me to place before the single taxer one problem: One man owns \$50,000 worth of land. A capitalist owns \$50,000 worth of mortgages. How should they be taxed? Henry George would not tax the capitalist at all, as he would allow him "the full return of his capital." What a taxless haven of rest for the millionaire lender would this single tax be, and I wish to warn Saskatchewan farmers not to be misled by windy, unscientific statements—but to study this statement for themselves.

JOHN R. SYMONS,
Pense, Sask. Director G. G. Association.

GAY TIME AT NETHERHILL

The Netherhill Association held their first annual sports on Victoria Day. We were very unfortunate in not having a fine day, consequently the attendance was not at all large. However, a fairly good crowd gathered and a good program of sports was carried through. Our neighboring town of Brock was well represented and captured several of the prizes, including the baseball game, and divided the football match with our own team. The Netherhill tug-o-war team was too much for the visitors, consequently the prize money still remains to our credit at the bank. The members and others were rather disappointed that the speakers who were billed to speak here, namely, Messrs. Langley and Dunning, were unable to attend. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Baumunk, of Dundurn. He dealt very ably with the following topics: Co-operative elevator question, the Grain Growers' Grain Company, The Guide and our life membership proposition. After paying all expenses, we were found to be quite a bit ahead of the day's doings. Special thanks is due the committee and others who worked together to make the gathering the great success it was.

R. PEWTRESS,
Netherhill, Sask. Sec'y.

PICNICS AND SUMMER RALLIES

Organization District No. 9 is to have a big time at Punnichy on July 20. W. B. Fells and Mr. Evans, of Nutana, are expected to speak there.

Saltcoats is having a big time for organization district No. 10 at Saltcoats on June 28. George Langley will be there with his subtle eloquence. He is an old practised orator, and with the earnest forcible utterance of Charles Dunning, our young vice-president, there should be a record-breaking time in member making. There should also be something left in Association formation when the orations are over.

Blue Hills.—On July 8, President Maharg and Mr. Dunning are expected to tell the story of associated Grain Growers at Blue Hills.

Langham is having a time on June 23, at which Mr. Langley is expected to speak, under the auspices of Park G. G. A.

Pangman, a newly opened country west of Weyburn, is going in for a good time, at which President Maharg and Mr. Hawkes are expected to put Association matters before our people.

Sunset—On June 18, F. C. Tate and W. B. Fells give exposition of the ideals and operations of the Grain Growers at a big gathering.

Bogend.—Mr. Fells and Mr. Evans have been asked to go and address a great gathering on June 7. These men are both directors of our association and will doubtless be able to please the people and make large additions to our membership, both annual and life.

Milestone.—A large gathering is expected here on July 1. They are expecting President Maharg, Hon. Pres. E. N. Hopkins and Dean Rutherford to give addresses on the subject of agriculturists and co-operation.

There can be no doubt but all these gatherings can be made useful channels to more firmly establish our ideals, foster co-operation, and strengthen the cords of friendship and brotherhood, which should prevail amongst the new citizens of this young and thriving province.

ELECT TEN FARMERS

Today the Labor party is wielding incalculable power in British politics. Whatever our attitude to the direction of their activity it cannot be gainsaid that the British Labor party, with but forty members in the House of Commons, is dominating legislation in Great Britain. The gigantic scheme of state insurance against unemployment, about to become law, affecting about a million workers, is only a single item in the program of legislation, being secured by the British Labor party. Ten years ago, labor in Great Britain was represented by a member or two in the House of Commons, and these fettered by alliance with the

Liberal party. The scattered units of labor organizations were united into the present formidable Labor party by the indifference of both political parties to the crying need for old age pensions. Having learned their power, the Labor party are using it. The fact that the Hon. G. P. Graham's resolution for guaranteeing \$35,000,000 worth of bonds to complete the Mackenzie & Mann Railway system by a line paralleling the C. P. R., also the National Transcontinental between Port Arthur and Montreal, was passed almost unanimously the other day in Parliament, shows the difference of both government and opposition to the people's interests. As in Britain the dreaded third party—the Labor party—is sounding the death knell to land monopoly and other forms of oppression, why should not a Western party, consisting of Western farmers, sound the death knell likewise, to railway monopoly in Canada? In this connection here are some significant facts. The present Canadian government has a majority of about 40. The longer a government is in power, the less its majority usually becomes. It is likely then, that if the election is held this fall, the present government, if returned at all, will have a reduced majority east of the great lakes. A loss of about ten seats in the East would mean that the government would only have twenty of a majority, supposing the West to remain as at present. This is the Western farmers' opportunity; if we elect ten farmers in the West—men pledged specifically to our interests—pledged to devote all their energy to securing an immediate end to the present iniquitous system of bonusing railways with vast sums of actual cash, guaranteeing bonds sufficient to build their lines, and then permitting the railway companies to issue millions of dollars worth of stock never represented by actual value, and this done, permitting the freight rates to be kept at the point necessary to earn high dividends on this watered stock, we will have taken a tremendously important step. The nominal power of the railway commission to regulate freight rates has hitherto proven utterly inadequate materially to reduce the exorbitant charges of our Canadian railways, and none realize the futility of attempting the task under the present conditions, better than Mr. Justice Mabee, chairman of the commission, as he has shown more than once in his scathing denunciation of the railways' methods of defying the country's laws and setting aside his rulings. Some years ago Hon. F. W. G. Haultain was asked, as to the possibility of cancelling the charters of our great Canadian railways for flagrant breach of their provisions. Mr. Haultain said there was little doubt but that many of the most important railway charters granted in Canada could be cancelled tomorrow for non-compliance with their provisions. Given ten Western farmers in Parliament, pledged to demand and work for the square deal in railway matters, we could do much to end railway domination of all things Canadian. We could do more—by wielding the power we would possess in a narrow majority in the next Parliament, we might well secure the cancellation of the charters of our great greedy railways.

DAVID ROSS.
Strassburg, Sask.

What guarantee will farmers have that the Labor party will prove more trustworthy of farmers' interests than others? Why not farmers get together; let Canadian yeomen take up the matter of government?

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Mount Hope Association.—At their usual monthly meeting passed a resolution calling upon the Dominion government to see that the Prince Albert branch of the C. N. R. be run direct into North Battleford as per original survey. It was also decided to hold their first annual picnic on July 1st, and a hearty welcome is extended to all neighboring associations. A special feature of their next meeting will be a lecture on Dry Farming by a gentleman well qualified to handle the subject. They have now a membership of fifty. Intending co-operators are in-

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vited to address Jos. Creegan, Forest Hall, P.O., Sask.

Eagle Creek.—A local of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company has been organized, and in all probability the elevator will be built on the S. E. of 3, 38, 10, W. 3rd. There is \$7,000 stock subscribed, divided among 64 stockholders representing 10,400 acres of crop this year. The stockholders include nearly all the members of Eagle Creek and McTavish Associations, and with proper management should be a paying proposition. Some of the business men of Asquith treat this as a huge joke, but they hope they (the business men) are not too sure of themselves.

Pascal Grain Growers' Association has now increased membership to 45, writes Secretary Sizer. They also send us a handsome donation to our coronation fund.

Swanson is busy working up the elevator proposition. Mr. Bruce Girvin is on the job for more petitions. This looks healthy.

Douglas Grain Growers are after information respecting binder twine. We have put them on the right track. Co-operation again, you see.

Paynton is interested in the new elevator company and are busy organizing a local at their point. They are also after more membership cards.

Annaheim sends us membership fees for 1911. They are also anxious to know the price of our handsome little membership buttons.

Evesham is anxious to have an agent appointed at their point. They are to petition the railway company for a man, and do not intend to stop until they get someone. Their district is well settled and everything points to a bumper crop being in evidence this year. Good luck to them.

Arelee writes us an interesting letter enclosing membership fees, a remittance for buttons, and a donation to our coronation fund. Secretary Davis has been successful in securing no less than five ladies to join in the movement. This is splendid, and we extend them a hearty welcome.

Watson.—J. H. Wilkes writes requesting us to supply the necessary information respecting the formation of a branch of our Association. We have gladly complied with his request and trust that he will be successful in his endeavors.

Waseca.—L. G. Knight writes us informing us that Forest Bank, Waseca and Walter Associations propose organizing a local of the Saskatchewan Elevator Co., at their point. The matter, however, has not been definitely settled, but a meeting is to be held at an early date to discuss the subject. We wish them luck.

Semans Grain Growers are interested in the elevator company. They hope to have one built at their point this fall. Secretary Pellett is busy canvassing for shareholders.

Ada.—Secretary Dickson writes us an interesting letter hoping that we will be able to boom the G. G. A. to the world through our coronation scheme. He also informs us that they are going to hold a vast meeting in their district on June 16 for organization purposes. We will do what we can in this connection.

Clarke Hill.—Another new branch. This association sends us membership fees for 1911. We had them registered as Pangnui.

Park Grain Growers are after the buttons to wear at their rally on June 23. This is good. The buttons look O. K.

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GRAIN GROWERS' GRAIN CO. Ltd., Winnipeg

Alberta Farmers please address

607 Grain Exchange Building, CALGARY

Intercolonial A Profitable Railroad

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\$682,952, turning a loss of \$800,095 into a profit of \$623,165. In the year ending March 31 last, the surplus was \$272,712. In 1907-8 the profit was \$16,129; in 1906-7 it was \$218,139, and in 1905-6 \$61,915. Altogether since 1876 there have been sixteen years in which there has been a surplus on the operation of the Intercolonial and in nineteen years there has been a loss. The largest deficit was \$1,725,304 in 1904-5. It is sometimes said by critics of the Intercolonial, when surpluses are shown, that they are secured by charging to capital items which properly belong to the operation account, but no one who studies the actual figures will advance this argument.

The appointment of the board of management was made at the suggestion of Hon. George P. Graham, who, as minister of railways and canals, has been at the head of the Intercolonial and other government railways since 1907. Mr. Graham, as a business man, realized and frankly told Parliament when he had been in office for a short time that the Intercolonial stretching as it did from Montreal away to St. John, 1,400 miles distant, could not be managed to the best advantage by a member of the government residing in Ottawa and having many other things to occupy his attention and in delegating the details of management to a board of railway experts while retaining in his own hands the direction of the general policy of the road and the responsibility to the public for its affairs, he showed a wisdom and regard for the good of the country for which even his political opponents ungrudgingly give him credit.

Wages of Employees

In the matter of the treatment of employees, of which the Intercolonial has some 9,000, the government road compares favorably with the other Canadian railways, the rate of pay averaging \$638 per year upon the Intercolonial against \$505 per year on all Canadian railways.

One disadvantage which the Intercolonial suffers from the point of view of financial showing, lies in the fact that the railway was not, in the first place, built as a straight business proposition. The Intercolonial, as its name implies, was built before Confederation and its primary object was to link up the then scattered provinces of Canada. Its object was thus partly political which accounts for the meandering way in which it was built and the fact that the line from Montreal to St. John is nearly 250 miles longer than that of the C.P.R., with which it nevertheless competes.

Future of the Intercolonial

The outlook for the future of the Intercolonial Railway is a bright one. Under the new order of things brought about by the appointment of the board of management the railway has been a financial success and there is every reason to believe that with the continued progress and development of Canada it will still go on and prosper. It has always been recognized that the Intercolonial was handicapped in being a trunk line with practically no branch lines to act as feeders and with no direct connection with the Western railroads. Some years ago an arrangement was made with the Grand Trunk by which that company hands over to the Intercolonial all its export traffic not otherwise routed and in the agreement made a few days ago with the Canadian Northern Railway for the guarantee of the bonds on its proposed line from Montreal to connect with its Western system at Port Arthur a similar provision is included with arrangements for joint terminals at Montreal. By this it is expected that the Intercolonial will secure a large share of the Western grain trade during the winter months and also the carrying of larger quantities of British goods consigned to Western Canada. Arrangements are being made for the leasing by the government of a number of local railways in the Maritime Provinces with the object of their being operated as branches of the Intercolonial. All these things will bring business to the Intercolonial and there is every reason to believe that deficits on the Intercolonial are things of the past.

MORAL QUESTIONS

Any gentleman who enjoys war and the glorious moans and tears of aged mothers, not to speak of their wives and orphans, ought to enjoy the book "War Rights on Land." Among the questions still wide open, according to the author in his introductory discussion of The Hague rules for warfare, are the following:

"May the residential parts of a town be shelled?"

"Why may you not poison water, but how may you make water poisonous?"

"When may you wear the enemy's uniform?"

"May you shoot your enemy's sentries?"

"Under what circumstances may a country be devastated?"

"When must non-combatants be allowed to leave a town and when may they be prevented?"

"May you incite your enemy to desert?"

If these are still unsettled questions may we also suggest the following as in need of an answer:

"Is it right for a young man to kick his mother?"

"Should a wife under strong provocation put blasting powder in her husband's pipe?"

"Under what circumstances may a man sell mining stock to his pastor?"

"Is it immoral to slip a quarter to the chauffeur who runs over your competitor in business?"

"Under what circumstances may a man rightfully poison his neighbor's dog?"

"Should the man who whistles at his work be shot before or after meals?"

"Outline a good legal defense for the patriot who twists out of joint the arm of his neighbor's small boy who has jumped the fence to get his baseball."

"Is little Georgie ever justified in putting cayenne pepper into Grandma's Sunday snuff?"

"Is the doctor whose slight slip results in the sudden death of the late deceased ever justified in charging the estate over \$5,000, and when?"

"If your old father has a felon on his finger, is it wrong to put ground glass into his breakfast food?"

Other questions suggest themselves, but we pause for a reply to the more simple ones.—A. J. R. in Minneapolis Journal.

They Traded Horses

"Two palefaces once hunted in my camp," said an Indian who had a high opinion of the business astuteness of white men. "They spent the evening with me, and, over the 'fire and firewater,' they began to barter and traffic and to make deals and dickers."

"Finally Bill said:

"Sam, let's trade horses—my bay for your roan."

"It's a go," Sam agreed. "The trade's a go. Shake on it, partner."

"They shook hands. Then Bill said, with a loud laugh:

"Sam, I've bested ye this time. My horse is dead. Died yesterday."

"So's mine dead," said Sam. "Died this mornin'. And, what's more, I've took his shoes off."

Susceptible

Boss: Mr. Jones, you have sold more neckties than any clerk I ever had. How do you do it?

Clerk: When a young man selects a tie, I say: "That's too young for you." When an old man picks one, I say: "That is too old for you." They both bite.

Hicks: I see that they have started a movement over in England to remodel the Ten Commandments.

Dorkins: Remodel, eh? What a waste of time! All they need is a restoration.

Notice 182 The address of the Harmer Implement Co. is PRINCESS ST., not 122 as stated in advertisement appearing under date of May 17th, 1911.



Grain Growers'

Sunshine Guild

Head Office—Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg

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OBJECTS
To feed and clothe some hungry child.
To gratify the wish of some invalid.
To maintain the Girls' Club room at 274 Har-
grave street.

LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE
Live in the sunshine—don't live in the gloom;
Carry some gladness the world to illume.

Live in the brightness, and take this to heart;
The world will be gayer, if you'll do your part.

Live on the house tops, not down in the cell;
Open-air Christians live nobly and well.

Live where the joys are, and, scorning defeat,
Have a good-morrow for all whom you meet.

Live as the victor, and, triumphing, go
Through this queer world, beating down every
foe.

Live in the sunshine—God meant it for you!
Live as the robins, and sing the day through.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

TUESDAY

Be cheerful! 'Tis better to be so than sad.
Thy bright, sunny smile will make others feel glad;
A kind, cheerful spirit is certain to please—
From ill-tempered people, friends seek a release.

Art thou tired? Well, if so, 'tis no use to fret,
And dismalness sadness will only beget;
'Twer better endeavoring to master thy grief,
And in prayer thou wilt surely obtain a relief.

Be cheerful—for so thy religion will bloom,
In constant sweet fragrance of all things around;
Or else, as a cloud, it will cast but a gloom,
And others not wish in God's ways to be found.

The bright side is the right side,
The side which knows no fear,
The Faith side and the Hope side,
The Christ side, full of cheer,
Where seeming discord sweetly
In one grand anthem blend,
Where justice reigns completely—
The side where all things end.

MARGARET'S SPECIAL MESSAGE
Will the boys and girls of Canada write to me?
Will the members, teachers and parents write to
me, and let us plan Sunshine circles in the schools
and encourage the right way of giving and the
right way of receiving.

Don't you think that mothers and teachers'
Sunshine circle would be a good idea?

The neighborhood Sunshine circles proved of
material benefit during last winter—so many cases of
loneliness and want came to light that would
otherwise have been unaided. To many the name
"Sunshine" appeals very strongly. People who
would never dream of opening their hearts to any
charity organization came in to tell "Sunshine"
of the crumpled leaf. In many cases prompt relief
was obtained. In all a little hope was instilled
and these dear souls went on their way rejoicing
that at least a friend had been found for them and
a hearty welcome was awaiting them at any
time they wished to call again. Send the G. G.
Guide to the teachers. Help to interest them in the
beautiful work of not only teaching knowledge
but also helpfulness and kindness and cheerfulness
in all work in the home and at school. All children's
hearts respond so readily in working with
loved ones for Sunshine, and in helping them
the teacher finds that she herself is being benefitted
by the effort made. Write soon. Write often.
I am so glad to hear from you.

MARGARET.



CHILDREN'S BADGE — FIVE CENTS
Don't you want one?

BOY, HAVE YOU A DOG?

Boy, have you a dog as a playfellow? If you
have not, you miss much that is enjoyable, that
which will give you many happy hours. Especially
if you have no brother or sister to play with,
you need a dog. This boy that has a dog is the
one I want to talk to. Do you know that you have
no more faithful and devoted friend than your dog?
He is always glad to see you, even if you come home
ten times a day. No one else shows as much
pure, unfeigned delight at your coming as he
does. If you have been gone only half an hour,
he meets you and wags his tail and smiles as plainly
as he can.

Did you ever stop to think that it is worth
something to be appreciated, even by a dog?
Do you ever pass him without noticing him when
he comes to meet you, or give him a cross word?

The next time you do, just notice how dis-
pointed he looks. He shows the sadness that he
feels just as plainly as he showed his joy. It is
easy to give him a kind word, as "Howdy," or
"Well, I do, I'm here," or "Glad to see me,
are you?"

This will make him brimful of joy and wiggle
all over with delight.

PASSING THROUGH WINNIPEG

Dear Margaret:—You will perhaps be a little
surprised to hear from me, but as Violet Lamb
is my little girl and she speaks so kindly of you

and your Sunshine Guild, I thought I would drop
you a line and thank you for being so kind to
Violet.

Dear Mrs. Lamb:—I am pleased to hear of
Violet's safe arrival and that the child enjoyed
her visit to the Sunshine Home. I only wish it
were possible to make it more widely known that
we are glad to take care of any young girls passing
through Winnipeg. The home will, I hope, prove
a help in this way to those who have no friends in
Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN

Dear Olga L. O. S., Sask.—Many thanks for
your sweet letter and promise of scattering the
Sunshine. Believe me, dear, the Sunshine will
help you in all ways. It is good to know that the
neighborhood you live in is so prosperous, but I
feel sure you will find someone who needs a little
comfort. I will write as often as possible. Glad
my letters are a comfort. Try to interest your
teacher in forming a branch of Sunshine.

WAPELLA BRANCH OF SUNSHINE

Miss Faulkner, president; Miss Zina Merrill,
secretary-treasurer.

Dear Rosie:—I am delighted to hear of your
Sunshine branch. I will forward rules, etc. Give
my love and hearty thanks to Miss Faulkner.
I feel sure that the children will enjoy the work.
If a Sunshine "recess" is held once a week
for Sunshine, it will prove a wonderful help in
teaching kindness, helpfulness and above all
cheerfulness at home and school. I will send a
button to be given to the child whose act of
kindness is judged to be the best by the class.

A WILLING WORKER

Dear Margaret:—Received your most welcome
letter and was glad to hear from you. How are
all the dear little children there and also yourself.
I am quite well, hoping you are the same. I
go to school every day. I read the letters and
pieces in The Guide. I read a lot of books.
Zina Merrill is secretary-treasurer. Our teacher's
name is Miss Faulkner. She is the president.
She is a very nice lady. I would like to correspond
with any girl or boy that's eleven years old.
Tell them to write first. Hoping that my letter
will be published. Write soon and I will answer.
Wapella.

Kathleen Ellen Suter, Violet, Mary, Juanita,
Sask.—Hearty welcome to our Guild. I am glad
to have your story and will print it. I hope the
other children will also send in some original
stories.

THE CROWS

When we were in the pasture last spring I
found some crows as I was walking along beside
the bushes, and found them in the high trees.
And they were hungry, poor little things. We
did not have much rain then and not much water in
the well. So one day the mother and father got
so thirsty that they flew in the tub and were
drowned. The little babies kept on going like
this: quack, quack, and we tried to keep them.
We fed them on a plate but they all died.

KATHLEEN ELLEN SUTER.

Hillside Farm, Juanita, Sask.

Dear W. F. G., Grenfell, Sask.—Dear Friend,
I have a cradle Guild so that a baby a day old
can become a member of Sunshine. Please send
the children's names. Yes, the clothes will be
very acceptable. At present I am preparing for
the summer outing and children's clothing is
always in demand. Glad you enjoy the page.
Hope the work will continue and spread until I
have a branch in every town from here to the coast.

Mrs. T. A., Govan, Sask.—I will send particulars
this week. Would you pay train fare as we are
out of funds at the present time and would be
unable to pay fare, and of course the parents
would not be in a position to do so. I am indeed
glad you like my page and wish to help our Sun-
shine work.

ALBERTA
FOR THE "SHUT-INS"

Dear Margaret:—I got my membership card
and badge and like them fine. I think Margaret
is a very nice Sunshine lady and the Sunshine
work is travelling very fast. I like the children's
motto. I also like the Sunshine stories. I am
going to try to get my friends to join the Sunshine
work. I hope some of the little "Shut-Ins" can
go to picnics on the 4th of May. We are sending
a parcel of children's clothing. I hope it will make
some little girls happy. I also send toy watch and
some paper dolls. Well, I guess I will close.
Wishing Margaret ever success in the Sunshine
work. Please send my brother Willard a badge
and membership card.

ADA EVELYN LUSK.

Ada E. Lusk, Huxley, Alta.—Glad you like your
badge. You will be doing a work of love in scattering
the Sunshine among your school friends.
Many thanks for the parcel of children's clothing.
I will try and obtain the picture of the child in
blue dress. Your loving wishes and kind thoughts
for myself are a source of joy to me. God bless
you, dear child, and may you be successful in your
work of love.

A PATIENT SUFFERER

Dear Margaret:—I thank you for remembering
me. When I received your kind letter yesterday
my conscience pricked me for not having acknowl-
edged the postcard you sent me some time ago.
Unless I am sending something for Sunshine I
feel that I do not like to take up your time by
writing, knowing what a large correspondence you
must have. I have not forgotten your work,
I assure you, and read with great interest the
Sunshine page in the G. G. Guide every week.
I am making some more scrap books, as they
seem the best thing for my poor fingers to do.
When I have finished several I will send them as
I expect several will go cheaper than one or two,
and I expect you can always find some wee mite
glad to receive one. I think your cheap lunch for

young girls is a fine work, and should think is well
patronized, as it must be a great boon to girls
engaged in business. Besides getting nourishing
food, they are given kind sympathy and a kind
word to help them on their way. I am sorry not
to be able to give a good account of myself, I
am suffering great pain, particularly at night,
and am sorry to say my hands and arms are getting
more helpless. Oh! for more patience to bear my
cross, and more thankfulness for my many mercies.
I ought not to murmur when I remember how
many people are great sufferers and have no
comforts to help them bear them. But alas!
"Our flesh is weak." With kind regards, wishing
you success in all your undertakings.

Yours sincerely,

MIRIAM.

Dear Miriam:—Your ever welcome letter was
a pleasure to me. I want you to remember that
you need not wait to send something to "Sunshine."
Your bright and cheerful letter is the "Something"
I feel the need of at all times. I am particularly
glad of scrap books in June as I am now preparing
for Mr. Jones. The things he takes now are in
preparation for the winter work and anything to
amuse the children is a help.

BABY DOING FINELY

Dear Margaret:—I am very pleased to tell you
that our dear little baby is doing fine. He has
grown quite fat and rosy, and can run alone now.
He is just as good as he can be. I bought him a
baby carriage and take him out every day with
me to feed the little chicks and turkeys. He just
loves the little turkeys and he is so gentle with them.
I am teaching him to love and be good to all
the animals. We keep one young cow's milk
apart for him, as I think it is better always to have
the same milk for him. He seems just like my own,
now, and he makes our home so bright. Although
he makes lots of work I would not be without my
little ray of Sunshine.

Yours very sincerely,
A LOVER OF BABIES.

Glad, indeed, to have report of our Sunshine
babies. You are a dear to love him so truly. Yes,
he will make lots of work but love makes the work
light indeed. The first lesson of love for animals
and kindness to them will be remembered all
through life. God bless you both and may he
continue through life a comfort to you. I will
forward date, etc.

THE CHILD IN THE GLASS

The child who lives in the looking glass
Always watches to see me pass,
One day when I was cross and cried,
She opened her mouth so very wide
I had to laugh—then she did too;
She always does just what I do.

—Selected.

QUEER

He doesn't like study—it "weakens his eyes,"
But the "right sort" of book will insure a surprise,
Let it be about Indians, pirates, or bears,
And he's lost for the day to all mundane affairs;
By sunlight or gaslight his vision is clear;
Now isn't that queer?

At thought of an errand he's "tired as a hound,"
Very weary of life, and of "tramping around;"
But if there's a band or a circus in sight,
He will follow it gladly from morning till night.
The showman will capture him some day, I fear,
For he is so queer.

If there's work in the garden, his head "aches
to split,"
And his back is so lame that he "can't dig a bit;"
But mention baseball, and he's cured very soon,
And he'll dig for a woodchuck the whole afternoon.

Do you think he plays "possum"? He seems
quite sincere;
But—isn't he queer?

SUNSHINE GIFT

Received from Mrs. Baillie \$5.00 to be spent
on Clarence Henderson.

A hammock was sent over at once so that our
dear boy can stay out in the open air.

Case of fresh laid eggs from E. L. Loone, Mary-
field, Saskatchewan. Accept our thanks—the
gift was greatly appreciated. Two dozen eggs
sent to Clarence Henderson, two dozen to Mrs.
Wormleighton whose husband is dying, having
undergone a serious operation which has proved of
no avail. Mr. Wormleighton is the son of a
prominent mason of Dublin, Ireland.

WHERE TO SEND SUNSHINE

Clarence Henderson, 511 Newton Ave., Elm-
wood.

Mrs. Wormleighton, 522 Young St., Winnipeg.

THE QUESTION

Were the whole world good as you—not an atom
better?

Were it just as pure and true,
Just as pure and true as you;
Just as strong in faith and works;
Just as free from crafty quirks;
All extortion, all deceit;
Schemes its neighbor to defeat;
Schemes its neighbor to defraud;
Schemes some culprit to applaud—
Would this world be better?

If this whole world followed you—followed to the
letter—

Would it be a nobler world,
All deceit and falsehood hurled
From it altogether;
Malice, selfishness, and lust
Banished from beneath the crust
Covering human hearts from view—

Tell me, if it followed you,
Would the world be better?

—George Klingle, in Christian Work.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SUNSHINE
GUILD

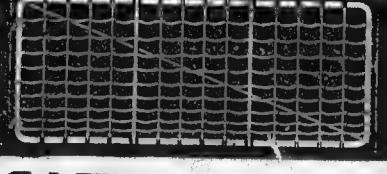
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Dear Margaret:—I should like to become a
member of your Sunshine Guild. Please send
its postage.

Name

Age

Address



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Why pay three or four profits when you can get gates from Dyer "The Low Price Fence Man" at factory prices, and get the BEST in gates. Small Gates \$2.25 up, Large Gates \$4.00 up. Write to-day for free catalogue.

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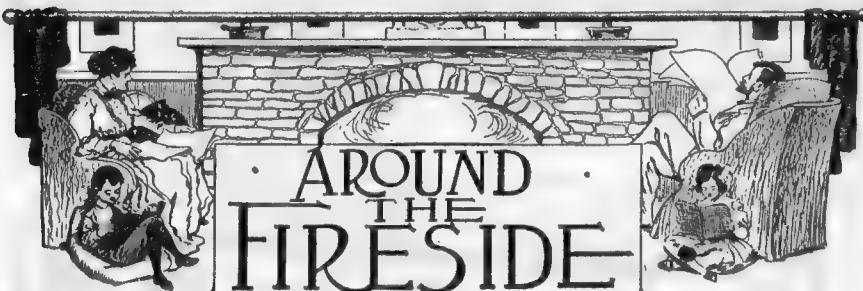
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"Eureka" Wagon Box and Rack is guaranteed to
carry two tons in any position.

"Eureka" Fountain Sprayer is just what you need
for small Fruit Trees, Plants and Shrubs.

"Eureka" Combination Anvil enables you



AROUND THE FIRESIDE

Conducted by "ISOBEL"

Save The Babes

Owing to the many immigrants who crowd into Winnipeg during winter without sufficient food and clothing to withstand our rigorous climate, considerable hardship and sickness often prevails. To alleviate the temporary distress of those unprepared strangers a group of humane medical men conceived a plan for their relief in the opening up of what was termed a "free dispensary," or depot where those doctors gave advice at certain hours daily and such medicines as were necessary, absolutely free of cost to the patients. This good work necessarily entailed great effort and expense. The doctors began to feel the strain, but such a work being started could not be abandoned for as immigration grew, so also did the demand for aid. Larger quarters had to be found and more men pressed into the service. As the work grew, the imperative needs of others than adults began to press heavily upon the humanity of those heroic workers. There were the babies!—doubly strangers in a bleak and frigid climate where fuel, food and clothing is scant. But where there is a babe there also can a woman be easily interested. Quite naturally, these doctors fell back upon their wives for counsel and aid, nor did they plead in vain. In an incredibly short period there was formed in conjunction with the free dispensary a diet kitchen, the chief object of which is care of babes.

Diet Kitchen

The diet kitchen of Winnipeg's free dispensary is the first organization of its kind in Western Canada, the chief officers for this year being Mrs. Boyd, president, and Mrs. G. O. Hughes, secretary. In this diet kitchen there is a trained nurse in charge, one specially qualified to cater to the varied ailments of his majesty, the babe. Here is kept and dispensed, free of charge, where necessary, milk, pasteurized, or modified or medicated, as each particular little patient requires. (Soups, jellies, etc., for the sick poor are also dispensed.) The rule is that the mother brings her babe to the kitchen so that it shall have a daily morning inspection. Food for the half day is sent home with her; each feed in a separate bottle. She returns or sends in the evening for the night supply. Some worthy student of human nature attached to the kitchen has hung up a prize for the mother whose babe has the cleanest appearance during a certain term. In special cases the nurse or assistant goes to the home, to give fuller instructions to the particularly ignorant. An important feature of the work of the diet kitchen is to educate the mothers in the prime factors of health, ventilation and cleanliness. It has been shown by actual experience that the crusade against dirt is really a crusade against disease and death; and the death rate among infants has been greatly reduced by the spread of such information as emanates from our diet kitchens.

Keeps Children Healthy

The prime object of the kitchen is to help needy parents to keep their healthy children well and to assist them in healing their sick babes. This is best done by teaching mothers how to keep and feed them and to instruct mothers in the kind of food a babe should have. To this end a few general instructions are given which will doubtless be of value to many an inexperienced reader of Fireside, who is called upon to tend a babe without the knowledge that such exceedingly important work requires, even though the mother has a full appreciation of absolute cleanliness.

Now, when we think of the warm weather near at hand and the number of babes sprinkled about the country without nurse, we won't be squeamish, will we? But treat our subject in the way of doing

the most good and one page of Fireside is not too much for our babes, surely! Here, then, are the general rules:

General Rules

Nurse your baby. Mother's milk is the best of all foods. Do not wean the babe in hot weather.

Nurse the babe regularly, never oftener than every two hours in day and every four in night time.

Do not nurse the babe every time it cries.

If you cannot nurse your babe, consult a doctor before giving it the bottle.

If you must bottle-feed give the babe only good milk. Keep it always cold and covered.

In hot weather remove most of baby's clothing. He feels the heat more than you do.

Bathe the babe in a tub every day. Wash the baby whenever the diapers are changed.

Give a babe fresh air day and night. Keep windows open all day and all night. Let the babe sleep alone. Give him

one feed only in each bottle, and corked or covered at once. Keep in a cool place. Never open the bottle again until the babe is ready to feed. Then put bottle, unopened, in a basin of hot water for about five minutes. Then open the bottle and put on the mouthpiece. The bottles should be such as are made on purpose and can be had cheap at any drug store. Never warm the milk a second time, nor use a left-over for baby. Take a fresh bottle for every meal. No other food should be given unless specially ordered by a doctor. Rinse the bottle in clean hot water as soon as used, and thoroughly wash the mouthpiece, turning it inside out and leaving it soaking in a weak solution of borax water.

Boil all water before adding it to the milk.

Cow's milk must be prepared with great care. In a general way this is the correct formula:

For a babe under two weeks: Milk, 1 tablespoon; boiled water, 2 tablespoons; and half small teaspoon sugar.

From one to two months: Milk, 2 tablespoons, gradually increasing to three; boiled water, 3 tablespoons; sugar.

From two to four months: Milk, 3 tablespoons, increasing to 4; water, 3 tablespoons; sugar.

From four to six months: Milk, 5 tablespoons, gradually increasing to eight; water, 5 tablespoons, decreasing to 4; sugar.

From six to nine months: Milk, 9 tablespoons to 11; water, 3 tablespoons; sugar.

As the feeds increase, the time between feeds also increases.

Do not feed too quickly. Each meal should take about 15 minutes.

Pasteurizing

According to your babe, so is your quantity of food to be. But, in each and every case in the country since cows are

expert baby raisers. The diet kitchen is doing its best to put us on the right track. Long may it flourish and expand and spread its sheltering arms around and about the infancy of this new land. All credit to these mission workers who give their means and labor gratuitously to help rear the helpless little ones, whose only hope of a fair chance in life comes from their praiseworthy efforts.

HANDICRAFT GUILD

Dear Isobel:—I saw in The Guide, May 3, an article about Handicrafts Guild. I wish further information about this interesting matter of making fancy and useful articles at home. I suppose I live too far away to send articles to Montreal. May 10, 1911. E.M.S.

Note.—Not too far away.

Dear "Fireside":—Will you please furnish me full information on the making of fancy work to be sold by the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, as to where I should have to send it and the kind of articles which bring the easiest sale. Hand embroidery is the kind of work I make in white or colored.

Very truly,

FANCY WORK.

May 9, 1911.

No Use

"John," asked Mrs. Dorkins, "what is a political con. game?"

"Why, it's—it's a frame-up, you know."

"Yes, but what's a frame-up?"

"A—er—piece of bunk, of course; can't you—"

"What is a piece of bunk?"

"Oh, shucks!" exclaimed Mr. Dorkins, "what's the use of trying to tell a woman anything about politics!"

SHE WON'T FAIL

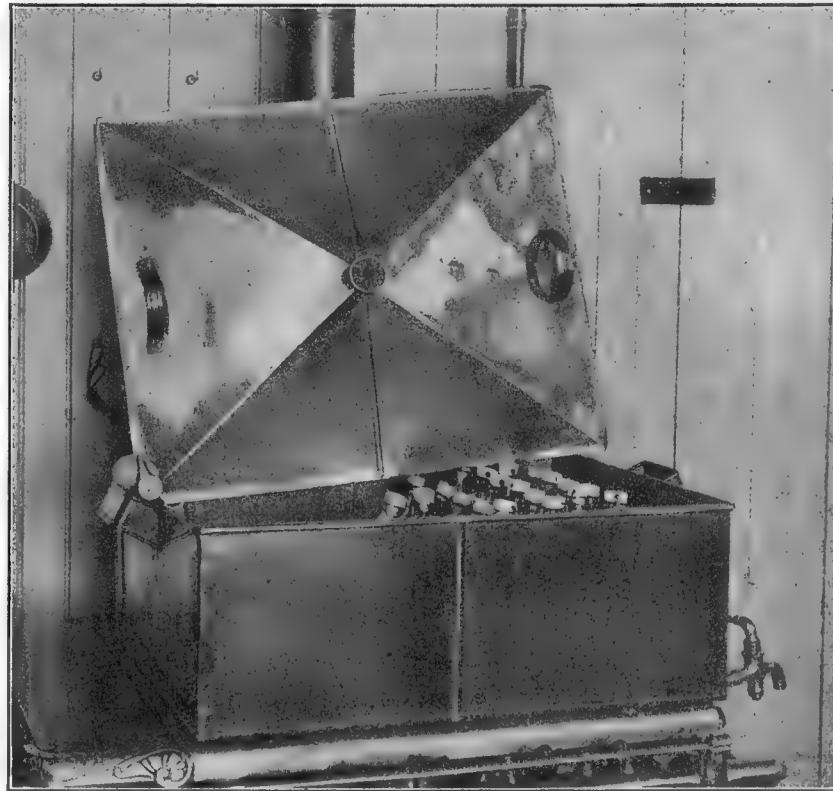
Dear Isobel:—I have been a reader of The Guide ever since it was published and have been especially interested in Fireside and Sunshine pages.

In this week's issue "Aunt Fanny" has been giving farmers' wives advice on "how to make pocket money," and as I cannot agree with all she says I will be obliged to you if you will let me have my "say."

In the first place, I think her remarks would apply to women in towns or cities rather than to women on the farms. We need the collies to help us as I don't think a Pomeranian would be much use after the cows when they were in mischief. And a collie makes a fine pet, too. We keep cats to catch mice generally, and there are lots of calves and colts to pet.

I don't think there would be much of a market among her farmer neighbors for Pomeranians or Persian cats. Canaries might be better, but for my part I would stick to the old reliable hen—or rather the young reliable hen—in spite of Aunt Fanny's disparaging remarks. And I think a woman would get as much real pleasure out of raising chickens as anything else, and possibly more profit. Of course, that is if she likes fowl. But I think if she would get pure bred fowl she would take quite a pride in them. If hubby is going to give her a start in anything, why not give her a setting of pure bred eggs of her favorite breed, and see if she is not pleased and the children as well will be delighted with the chicks when they are hatched. Of course, if one keeps only 25 or 30 hens there is not many eggs to trade out at the start for groceries, but if one had a flock of 100 or so laying hens, Willie could get his suit and Mollie her best hat, too, with eggs. Trading is alright, I think. A hat bought with eggs might be just as nice as one bought with cash earned some other way. If one has pure breeds, some of the eggs could be sold for breeding for a good sum. One dozen eggs for hatching will bring as much as ten dozen sold to the store, and the surplus cockerels could be sold as breeders, too, if people know you have them, and the way to let them know is to advertise. Put an ad. in The Guide and sign your own name to it and then if there are any orders no danger of hubby getting them and thinking the money is his. Don't be afraid of seeing your name in print. But why be obliged to wait till hubby gives you a start? Just make up your mind that you have a right to get them if you can, and where there is a will there is a way.

Bake a few sacks of flour into bread for some of your bachelor neighbors or knit him some socks or mitts, or plant some potatoes or other "garden sals" and sell it. Then hang on to the



Pasteurizing Device at Diet Kitchen

two or three teaspoons cool boiled water several times a day.

Stop all feeding if he vomits or has diarrhoea, and give only cool boiled water.

Constipation in the nursing mother often causes colic in the babe.

Breast-fed babes often vomit or have diarrhoea because the mother is overheated or sick or over-tired and the milk is poor.

Nursing mothers should eat three plain well-cooked meals every day, drink plenty of water between meals and not over-work.

Do not drink strong tea or coffee.

Keep the babe quiet. Let it sleep alone and sleep as much as possible.

Lay it on a firm bed and not on feather pillows.

Do not give "soothing syrup," nor let the babe suck a "comforter."

Keep the rooms free of garbage, soiled clothes and rubbish.

Care of Milk

The milk properly modified or reduced should be put fresh into the feeding bottles,

milked twice a day, it would be well to prepare a supply morning and evening by measuring the right quantities into the feeding bottles and pasteurizing in a contrivance such as the accompanying sketch.

This is a picture of the pasteurizer used in the diet kitchen, Winnipeg. When the bottles have the right amount, properly modified (one feed only in each bottle and as many bottles as feeds are needed till the next supply is at hand) then they are placed in the pasteurizer which is filled up nearly to the necks of the bottles with cold water, set on the fire to heat to a

temperature of 140 to 160 degrees, kept

there for 20 minutes, then lifted out, the corks loosened slightly and contents cooled as quickly as possible to as cold a

degree as possible. Then, when baby is

to be fed, one bottle is taken, warmed

properly and—there you are. Everything

clean, convenient, wholesome, sanitary

and baby thrives apace.

Certainly we are learning, and there is much to learn before we women become

money that you get like "grim death to a dead nigger."

Don't send it to town for something for the children, but send it to some breeder who has the kind you would like, and go in and win. I don't see why a married woman cannot do something "on her own hook" just as well as a married man. I am just telling you the way I did myself, so I am not "talking through my hat." To be sure, I have not made my fortune yet, but I have certainly got some pleasure out of it. I just started two years ago and now have a nice flock worth \$35.00 anyway, though I could not buy them for anything like as little. I am one of the farmer's wives myself and have a large family (seven children, the eldest 14 years) so that I have lots of work without the chickens, but I must have something for an excuse to get outside and "a change is as good as a rest." My ambition is to improve our home with my earnings. I have formed myself into a home improvement committee of one and here are some of the things that I would like to do as soon as I can: Build a verandah to the house; fence the house and garden with a stock and poultry-proof fence; plant flowers and shrubs and last, but not least, make a lawn. That's a big looking undertaking for me, is it not? But, as my hubby has all he can do to keep all the stomachs full and bodies clothed, I can not expect him to do it for long time to come, so am going to have a try at it anyway. Last year I earned over thirty dollars cash, without counting eggs sold in the store or used. Not much, but that is just on the side. My time is mostly taken up in the house. My baby is just a year old. Well, excuse me for being so long winded for the first time, but I'll not intrude again for some time, but just come over in the fall perhaps to tell how I have succeeded (or failed), so I'll sign myself.

A. H. ENWIFE:

Note.—Yes, come over in the fall, after keeping a correct account all summer and tell us exactly how you have succeeded. Tell us how many eggs were set, how and when set, and the number

of chicks hatched, how you feed and care for them, and what the average weight is when sold and the price. Over \$300,000 worth of poultry and eggs is shipped into Manitoba from the East annually. Why shouldn't our women have this money? There is no place under the sun where poultry can be grown and kept cheaper than in our West. Turkeys, too, are very profitable. At present prices there is a small fortune, as the saying goes, in turkeys; and I never had any difficulty in raising them. After the first six weeks they care entirely for themselves.—Isobel.

KITCHEN

Breakfast Dish.—Mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cream of wheat with 1 teaspoon salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water, add two cups boiling water; boil 5 minutes, then steam in double boiler 30 minutes. Stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ pound dates, stoned and cut into pieces; serve with cream and sugar.

Foamy Omelet.—Four eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, few sprinkles pepper, 4 teaspoons hot water, 1 teaspoon butter. Beat yolks until thick and lemon colored, add pepper, salt and hot water. Beat whites stiff and dry, cutting and folding them into first mixture. Butter omelet pan, turn in and cook slowly. Fold and turn on hot platter.

Creamed Chicken.—Make a white sauce by melting two tablespoons butter in a saucepan, add two tablespoons flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, a little pepper and celery salt, add one cup milk, stirring constantly until it thickens, then add $\frac{1}{2}$ cups cold cooked chicken and cook till chicken is thoroughly heated.

French Fried Potatoes.—Wash and pare small potatoes, cut in eighths lengthwise, and soak $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in cold water. Take from water, dry between towels and fry in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and sprinkle with salt.

Scrambled Eggs with Mushrooms on Toast.—Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. Add to it 4 eggs lightly beaten, 2 tablespoons finely chopped mushrooms, pepper and salt to taste. Stir this over the fire till it begins to thicken, then take

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it off the fire and continue stirring till the consistency of thick custard. Then pour it on squares of buttered toast.

WHICH

(By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps)

Which shall it be?

For thee? Or me?

Oh, who shall be the first to hear
The distant voice approaching near;
The sound that blasts the happy day;
The ringing call that rends away?

Which shall it be?

Cometh to me

That awful order: "Henceforth miss
The dearness of the daily kiss.
Await the step that does not come.
Be desolate. I smite thy home."

Which shall it be?

Is it for thee—

The summons and the setting forth
Eyes lifted to the icy North,
Hands crossed, head bowed, heart frozen
numb,

—Of protest, and of message dumb?

Which shall it be?

Is it for me

To see the mist precede the rain
In eyes that watch o'er mortal pain?
To say, when sunset fires the sea:
"There's dawn for him, but night for me?"

Which shall it be?

Unto me? Unto thee?

Which of us twain shall be the one
To rise, to rest, to weep alone?
Which first in fate's dark school shall have
The education of the grave?

Which shall it be?

Great God! To Thee

We leave—nor wrest from Thee—the
choice,
Since Thine the call, since Thine the voice,
And Thine the old and awful art
That tears two clasping lives apart.

Thus let it be—

To thee, or me.

Hush! Let Him do the deed He must;
Nor ask Him why, nor when, but trust.
For love is old as God, and strong
I think, as He; and lives as long.

GOOD MANNERS AT HOME

The presence of good manners is nowhere more needed or more effective than



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HOW TO SECURE THE GUIDE PATTERNS

To secure any of the patterns published in The Guide, all that is necessary is to send 10 cents to the Pattern Department, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, and state the number of the pattern, giving bust measure for waist patterns, waist measure for skirt patterns, and the age when ordering patterns for Misses or Children. It will require from ten days to two weeks to secure these patterns as they are supplied direct from the makers. No new worker need be nervous or afraid to use The Guide Patterns. They are accurate and perfectly and plainly marked. Full directions for making are given with every pattern you buy; also the picture of the finished garment to use as a guide.

in the household, and perhaps nowhere more rare. Whenever familiarity exists there is a tendency to loosen the check upon selfish conduct which the presence of strangers involuntarily produces. Many persons who are kind and courteous in company, are rude and careless with those whom they love best. Emerson says, "Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices," and certainly nothing can more thoroughly secure the harmony and peace of the family circle than the habit of making small sacrifices for one another. Courtesy and kindness will never lose their power or their charm, while all spurious imitations of them are to be despised.

ROMANCE THE THING

This Bait Catches the Matrimonial Fish, Says Ex-Celibate

An educated woman who has escaped from the class of unwilling celibates to which so many educated women appear to be doomed tells in the current Independent how she did it. The trouble with the educated woman, says the "One Who Did," is that she is not romantic, and throughout all the ages "human nature has shown a great hunger for romance."

"Romance," she says, "is the moonlight that silvers over the ugly or commonplace facts of our lives and makes possible the living of them. To this primitive need the educated woman usually fails to respond. Although she has often a deep theoretical appreciation of the romantic, she neglects to throw about herself any of the glamor without which love cannot germinate. Therein the educated woman is to blame for her unsought state. With the fundamental honesty of an intelligent person, she refuses to use what she calls "artifices," and depends solely upon logic, ability and other sterling qualities (and perhaps good clothes) as means of attraction, while her less truly estimable sister must, to attract at all, cover her greater limitations with a cloak of mystery and appeal and have recourse to what are sometimes contemptuously called 'tricks of the trade.'"

But these tricks of the trade, argues the "One Who Did," are no more contemptible than is the brighter plumage of the birds in the mating season. "Most men's lives," she says, "are hard and monotonous. Is it any wonder that they turn from the thud of massive machinery and grind of business house and office to what appeals to their imagination and chivalry rather than to what touches their brains and logic?"

The "One Who Did" was thirty before she found all this out; but even at thirty she says it is not too late to mend. As a result, she intimates, of her changed tactics, she married a man to whom her intellectual gifts are very useful, but he says he never once thought of them during the courtship stage. He merely felt that she would be, in the somewhat crude language of her younger brother, a "good spooner."

Summary of The Week's News of The World

TAKING THE CENSUS

Canada's census-taking, which began June 1, will take practically three years to complete. The tabulating and analysis of the population figures and of the extensive information asked for in regard to trade, industry, etc., will keep the census bureau busy for that length of time. The total population will not be definitely known until October, though an approximate figure may be given out a month or so earlier. Returns will begin to come in from cities in about a fortnight's time, but the enumerators have three weeks' time allowed to collect their statistics, and the commissioners are allowed another month in which to forward returns to Ottawa.

The work of tabulation and compilation will be done at the census bureau at Ottawa by a special staff of 160 clerks, working with specially devised tabulating and compiling machines similar to those used at Washington for the census of last year.

Charles W. Spicer, an official of the American census bureau, who has been temporarily borrowed by the Canadian bureau, is in Toronto, superintending the manufacture of a number of machines to be used in tabulating the schedules turned in by the enumerators.

Estimate 50 Per Cent. Increase

Reports from census bureau officials who have been receiving reports as to the prospective amount of work required for the commissioners in the various parts of the Dominion, indicate that the growth of population in many districts has been considerably larger than was estimated. The final figures will probably show a population increase of about 50 per cent. during the past ten years. West of the Great Lakes it is estimated there are now about a million and a half more people than there were in 1901. Eastern Canada should show an increase of a little over a million and a quarter.

TENDERS CALLED FOR H.B.E.

Ottawa, June 1.—Advertisements for tenders for the first 185 miles of the Hudson's Bay railway, starting from the present terminus of the Canadian Northern railway at The Pas on the north side of the Saskatchewan river, were sent out today by the railway department. Contractors are given until August 1 to submit tenders. The contract will be let as speedily as possible after that date and it is expected that by the end of next year steel will be laid on nearly all of this first half of the line to the Hudson's Bay terminal.

Tenders for the remaining portion of the road will be called for early next year as soon as the route is finally located. The railway department will supervise the construction of the road. Chief Engineer Armstrong, who has had charge of the government survey of the road for the past two years, will be the chief engineer in charge of construction, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

Tenders for the construction of the Halifax and Eastern Railway and for the line round the north shore of the Bras D'or lakes in Nova Scotia, the extension of the Intercolonial system provided for before the adjournment of parliament, will be called for in a week or so. Surveying of the lines is nearly completed.

DIRECT LEGISLATION

The Manitoba Federation for Direct Legislation is anxious to provide speakers to address Grain Growers' picnics and similar gatherings upon the above subject. F. J. Dixon has already been engaged for a number of picnics and is open for more engagements. The federation has several other eloquent speakers who can fill emergency calls. This is a rare opportunity to combine education with pleasure. Speakers are furnished free of charge. If you desire to add to the attractiveness and practical value of your picnic, write to The Manitoba Federation for Direct Legislation, 239 Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg.

THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE

William Maxwell at the Canadian Club

Mr. William Maxwell, president of the International Co-operative Alliance, was the guest of the Winnipeg Canadian Club on Friday last and addressed a large and interested audience on the co-operative movement, with which he has been all his life connected.

In his address, Mr. Maxwell dealt with the history of the movement and stated that co-operative societies were first started in Great Britain in 1769. There were some old societies, for example, the one in Glasgow, which was established in 1800 and which is doing a big business today. The principle of the movement was to give the customer goods without their passing through the hands of a middleman, and the profits were at first added to the capital of the societies.

Distribution of Profit

In 1884 a departure was made and the Rochdale system was introduced by which the profits, instead of being added to the capital, were divided among the purchasers. By this system the largest purchaser secured the biggest share of the profit. In 1864 the societies working independently agreed to combine into a federation. Capital was contributed by the societies in England in 1864 and in Scotland in 1868 to form co-operating wholesale societies, which last year did a combined business of £34,000,000 sterling.

Buyers Throughout the World

Part of the function of the wholesale societies was to procure goods all over the world. Thirty-four years ago a buyer was placed in New York to purchase American goods for these societies and seventeen years ago a buyer was placed in Montreal. There had been a buyer in Winnipeg for Canadian wheat for the

last six years. Last year five million dollars' worth of Canadian produce was purchased for the whole co-operative societies of Great Britain. The profits obtained by the wholesale societies were contributed to the shareholding societies, so that the individual member obtained the profits of both wholesale and retail co-operative business.

Last year \$55,000,000 was divided among the co-operative members in Great Britain in this way. Retail sales alone amounted to \$565,000,000.

"It will thus be seen," said the speaker, "that the pecuniary advantages of the co-operative scheme are considerable."

Education and Charity

"But we go further than that. Last year the societies in Great Britain spent \$440,000 in educational work and \$290,000 in charitable enterprises. Frequent meetings of the members are held. Lectures are delivered by eminent men. There are classes for the study of music, women's guilds where instruction is given by experts in all kinds of ladies' work. There are photographic clubs, bicycle clubs and other similar organizations. There are convalescent homes maintained by the different societies, all over the country. In these homes members can spend two weeks free of charge while recovering from illness.

Industrial Activities

"Among the industrial activities of the societies in Great Britain are the maintaining of eight great flour mills, four steamships, soap, clothing and shoe factories. There are also cabinet works, a printing and lithographing establishment, candy and jam factories, dairies and all kinds of like industries. Dealing in wines and liquors is strictly forbidden.

No society buying for its retail store is given credit for longer than one month at the wholesale store, and at the retail store no member is given credit beyond the amount of his stock."

Co-Operation in Canada

With reference to the situation in Canada, Mr. Maxwell said that the germ of the co-operative movement was already here. A difficulty in Canada consisted in the fact that at present Canadians were too busy in pursuit of the main chance. In Great Britain one found more of the "rest and be thankful" spirit. He had been much impressed with the co-operative societies which he had found doing very well at Sydney, Glace Bay, and Dominion, Nova Scotia, where the miners were taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by co-operation.

Large Societies

The membership of the largest retail co-operative societies in the world was given as follows: At Bremen, Germany, 80,000; Leeds, England, 50,000; Edinburgh, Scotland, 40,000. Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Maxwell was secretary of the Edinburgh society and at that time it had but 1,400 members. The money profit of the enterprise, the speaker said, was great, but if it were only for that, many of the co-operators would not be engaged in the co-operative movement.

U.S. SENATE AND RECIPROCITY

Washington, D.C., June 5.—Public hearings on the Canadian reciprocity bill were concluded by the Senate finance committee today, and on Wednesday the committee will take up the bill in executive session to discuss what action the committee shall take and prepare its report to the Senate.

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Campaign for Reciprocity

J. G. Turriff, M.P. for Assiniboia, has continued his series of meetings in support of reciprocity during the past week, and the reception which his addresses have been accorded is a proof that the residents of Southern Manitoba are still firm in their support of the reciprocity agreement.

Mr. Turriff spoke at Deloraine on Tuesday, May 30; at Killarney on Wednesday, at Morden on Thursday, at Manitou on Friday, and at Crystal City on Saturday, and at each of these points large audiences showed enthusiastic support of reciprocity, and unanimously passed resolutions in favor of the pact.

At Deloraine Mr. Turriff was supported by Dr. R. S. Thornton, ex-M.P.P. for that constituency.

Freight Rate Question

Dr. Thornton in the course of his address maintained strongly that the reciprocity agreement would go a long way to solve the vexed question of freight rates in Western Canada. When the Canadian roads saw the grain going south they would be forced to reasonableness in the matter of rates. The speaker had loaded his grain on Jim Hill's road and he had received seven cents a bushel more for it because it could readily be shipped south. He presumed Dr. Schaffner had done the same. Dr. Schaffner had said in the House of Commons that the people of the West did not want reciprocity

DELEGATES TO BRANDON

The Secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association has issued a circular to all the branches calling for delegates to meet in Brandon the afternoon of June 20, preparatory to making a presentation of the Grain Growers' views on public questions to Mr. Borden in the evening, following the same course taken last summer when Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his tour. Reduced rates will be secured on the railways if the delegates pay full fare one way and secure a standard certificate.

and were not going to get it. It was up to the West to say out loud that it did want reciprocity and to keep on saying it till it got it.

At the other meetings of the tour Mr. Turriff was assisted by Mr. J. F. Greenway, while Mr. T. C. Norris, leader of the Liberal party in Manitoba, and Mr. J. E. Gayton also spoke at the Manitou meeting.

Both Parties for It

Speaking at Crystal City on Saturday, Mr. Greenway referred to the history of the two great parties on reciprocity, pointing out that the leaders of both had on various occasions stated they were prepared to treat with the

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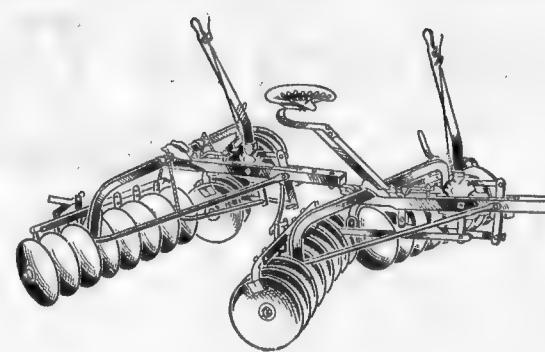
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United States for reciprocity as soon as that country was prepared to deal fairly, and it was a surprise to the speaker to see the Conservative leaders and Western Conservative members opposed to the Fielding agreement. The surprise was all the greater on account of the many favorable terms of the agreement, and the fact that it or any portion of it could be abrogated at any time should it be found any Canadian interest was injuriously affected.

Sir Wilfrid's Tour

Western Canada had bombarded Sir Wilfrid Laurier during his 1910 tour through the West with demands for a lowering or wiping out of the tariff and followed it up by a large delegation invading Ottawa in December last. Sir Wilfrid had to a very great extent met their demands in direct opposition to the wishes of the manufacturers and financial institutions of Eastern Canada, and Mr. Greenway hoped that the farmers of Western Canada would stand as unitedly for the man who had dared to take up their fight as the manufacturers, the railways and financial institutions would stand unitedly against him.

Mr. Turriff Speaks

Dealing with the question of reciprocity diverting trade north and south instead of east and west, Mr. Turriff pointed out that reciprocity would not take from Canada any market she now had, but would give the advantage of a market of 90,000,000 people which Canada could use if she wanted. If the C.P.R., after getting its road practically built for it, with its stock now selling at over 230 and some of it water at that, with a dividend of 10 per cent. last year, and with a large sinking fund put away each year, could not compete with American roads that had never received one dollar in money or land from their government, and which were not charging for the carrying of freight but little more than one-half what the C.P.R. charged, if the C.P.R. with so many advantages could not compete, then he thought it should go to smash as the Western farmers could not longer afford to pay the large extra tax they were paying to the C.P.R. in exorbitant rates. But he did not believe the C.P.R. or any Canadian road would be unable to compete with American roads, though he believed one result of reciprocity would be the reducing of Canadian freight rates to one-half, and he did not think this was a reduction the Western farmer or merchants should worry about.

Drop Party Politics

In conclusion Mr. Turriff appealed to the Western farmer to drop party politics and stand by their convictions on this question which was of vital importance to them and which had been brought forward at their request and in their interests.

After Mr. Turriff had spoken the following resolution was moved by T. W. Stone and seconded by Robert Nixon and carried unanimously:

"That in the opinion of this meeting the Fielding-Paterson agreement is in the best interests of our Dominion, and further, that the feeling of the country on the question should be taken by the

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vote of our representatives in parliament as soon as the House reassembles."

Sharpe Declines Invitation

W. H. Sharpe, M.P., was at Manitou on the day of the meeting there. The chairman announced that he had invited the member for Lisgar to take part in the meeting. Mr. Sharpe, however, declined, saying he had already sufficiently presented his views.

At Morden the following resolution, moved by Henry Johnston and seconded by James Godkin, was passed without dissent:

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, reciprocity with the United States in natural products, as provided by the reciprocity agreement, is in the best interests of the Dominion, and that the reciprocity bill should be passed as soon as parliament reassembles."

KILLARNEY UNANIMOUS FOR RECIPROCITY

Killarney, Man., May 31.—At the enthusiastic reciprocity meeting held here this evening the following resolution proposed by W. R. Mitchell, Ninga, and seconded by Alex Rankin, Killarney, both Grain Growers, was passed without a dissenting voice.

"That this meeting of electors of the Killarney district, desires to express its approval of the reciprocity agreement now before the Ottawa house, and the United States Senate and its wish that it will be duly carried into effect."

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GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Grain Growers' Grain Company's Office, June 5, 1911)

Wheat.—The closing of the May option during the past week has had the effect of forcing the market up a little, especially the July option, in which today the "shorts" were badly pinched when July once sold up to \$1.02 1/4. However, the market has an unhealthy tone and is considerably above export, although if our wheat is kept off the British market for the next few weeks terminal stocks being now rather lighter than usual, the market could easily be forced up by strong operators. There are some damage reports coming in from farmers in the Red River Valley and in the southwest corner of Manitoba, who find their crops are being drowned out. Liverpool markets have been closed the last three days because of the King's birthday and the Whitsuntide holidays, thus the steady influence of our market has been temporarily removed. However, it was evidently only a speculative movement which today sent our October wheat up about one and one-half cents.

Oats have improved a little with a fair export demand.

Barley.—No change in the barley situation, but the hot weather in the Eastern States should bring a demand for all our barley for malting purposes.

Flax.—There is practically no demand for cash flax, with a little speculative trading by certain interests in the July option.

LIVERPOOL LETTER

(By Procter & Co., Ltd., Liverpool, May 23)

The market since last we wrote you a week ago has been a dull one, largely influenced by the improved weather prospects in Russia, rain having fallen in most of the regions of the south where it was wanted, though in some quarters more rain still seems urgently required. With their spring crop three weeks late in being put into the ground, there will be need for pretty constant favorable conditions to bring that crop to a safe maturity. Reports seem to agree in describing the winter crop as not too good a one this year. It seems very unlikely that anything like the crop of 100,000,000 qrs. raised during the past two years will be gathered this year, and the Russian grower, probably realizing this, is not at all likely to be a free seller of the large surplus which undoubtedly remains over from last crop—something like 20 per cent. being probably still on hand, though this is naturally very much a matter of guess-work. The European demand continues a broad one, of this week's shipment of 2,000,000 qrs. close on three-fourths going to the continent. United Kingdom supplies are at a much lower ebb than usual this time of the year both as regards stocks in store and wheat on passage, while flour reserves are probably unusually low. Reserves of native wheat in France, Germany and Great Britain are, we think, unusually depleted, and the demand for foreign wheat will probably continue on a large scale right up to harvest. Argentina is offering sparingly, for the farmers doubtless are busy upon the land seeding the crop, the condition both north and south being now particularly favorable for sowing, generous rains having fallen. Australia seems content to put afloat less than 100,000 qrs. a week, as against the 300,000 qrs. shipped weekly during the earlier part of the season. India so far shows no desire to press the sale of her new crop. Contrary to the anticipation of a few months ago, it does not seem likely that crops there are much in excess of last year.

CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange)

Friday, June 2

Wheat Oats Barley

Total visible	5,673,656	5,662,564	618,440
Last week...	6,383,793	6,227,424	414,225
Last year ..	5,961,322	5,486,919	936,253
Ft. William	1,889,397	2,432,104	72,865
Pt. Arthur	1,021,205	1,679,427	120,304
Depot Harb.	68,083	26,372	.....
Meaford	122,092	11,461	.....
Mid. Tiffin	329,058	220,105	.....
Collingwood	46,286	.....	.....
Owen Sound	30,785	30,484	.....
Goderich	357,638	127,408	282,052
Sarnia, Pt. Ed.	124,499	17,600	3,863
Pt. Colborne	461,289	55,893	.....
Kingston	293,053	227,106	135,209
Prescott	6,000	48,505	.....
Montreal	805,885	687,392	1,957
Quebec	3,400	65,971	2,200
Victoria Harb.	104,111	32,935	.....

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

Total world shipments 16,584,000, against 13,400,000 last week and 9,184,000 last year. Comparison by countries was as follows:

	This week	Last week	Last year
American	3,808,000	2,968,000	2,568,000
Russian	5,040,000	5,440,000	3,512,000
Danube	760,000	912,000	456,000
Indian	984,000	1,288,000	1,072,000
Argentine	3,752,000	1,800,000	560,000
Australia	1,169,000	936,000	952,000
Chili	12,000	96,000	64,000
Total	16,584,000	13,400,000	9,184,000
Corn	5,528,000	2,255,000	2,499,000

TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store, Fort William and Port Arthur, on Friday was 2,920,572.20 as against 3,717,196.20 last week and 3,994,741.50 last year. Total shipments for the week were 1,348,838; last year, 1,059,659.

Amount of each grade was:

	1911	1910
No. 1 Hard	3,287.20	32,312.20
No. 1 North	676,987.10	1,614,992.00
No. 2 North	885,101.50	1,151,911.00
No. 3 North	532,373.40	209,793.20
No. 4	237,567.50	225,834.40
No. 5	114,355.10	57,762.20
Other grades	470,899.20	704,136.10
	2,920,572.20	3,994,741.50

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from MAY 31 to JUNE 6, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT												OATS	BARLEY				FLAX		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4	5	6	Feed	Rej. 1 st	Rej. 1 st	Rej. 2 nd	Rej. 2 nd	Rej. 1 st Seeds	Rej. 2 nd Seeds	2 cwt.	3 cwt.	3	4	Rej.	Feed	1 NW 1 Man. Rej.
May 31	95	92 ¹	90 ¹	86	80 ¹	74	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..
June 1	96	93	91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	97 ¹	93 ¹	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 ¹	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	99	96	93	87	78	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 ¹	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	97 ¹	95	91 ¹	87	78	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36 ¹	..	..	..	..	..	..

the country and the government's weekly forecast of continued heat over-weighed the large world's shipments of wheat, the continued dullness in the domestic flour trade, and another increase in the domestic visible wheat supply. There were, however, continued dealings of a professional character which means that there will be no hesitation to sell on any indication of weakness or to buy as soon as there is no slack to the market. This lack of a broad public interest was noticeable, as the decline did not appear to catch much in the way of resting orders, suggesting that the outside trade is not interested. In the Northwest there is only the most optimistic of conditions as to the new crop outlook and a pessimistic situation in the flour trade is a combination not likely to stimulate the buying trade. Nebraska got some rain over Sunday and the southwest crop conditions while under the strain of excessively hot weather are not considered especially desperate. It serves, however, to inject activity into a market in need of some sort of tonic. Local receipts were fair. The cash demand unchanged. Millers are buying the choice wheat. No. 1 Northern sold 1/2 cent to 2 1/2 cents over July. According to the report of the millers, our buyers are not impressed by the bullish crop news and are looking for lower quotations and are willing to wait the pressure of actual wheat on the market. Foreign markets were closed. The crop news from southwestern Russia was conflicting, but more favorable than it has been.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, June 5.—A huge wave of speculative buying today in the wheat pit ran against heavy realizing sales on the part of longs. In consequence, much of a sharp advance was lost and the market closed easy at prices varying from Saturday night's level to 3/4 cent above. Corn finished 1-8 cent down to 1/4 to 1/2 cent up; oats with a gain of 1/2 to 3/4 cent. The volume of trade in wheat exceeded that of any other day for weeks past and also contained a larger percentage of business from the outside public. This awakening of interest was apparently due somewhat to a widening impression that the crop had lost ground during the last month and that such a condition would be clearly shown in the government report on Thursday. However, the handsome profits in sight were tempting to owners and there was remarkably free unloading on the bulges. Hot weather over the greater portion of the winter wheat section had much to do with bringing out bullish enthusiasm. Besides the cash demand here continued good and there were reports of a better inquiry for flour at Minneapolis. Prospects of more normal weather led to increased corn sales by the country. Provision interests were likewise conspicuous on the selling at an advance which had resulted from strength in other cereals and from the high temperature in the southwest. Cash grades were barely steady. A big rush to buy oats had origin in the Missouri state report showing a growing crop there. The ensuing advance, though, was taken advantage of to secure profits and there was a decided reaction.

TREATY RIGHTS

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given notice to the Imperial Conference that he will move that the dominions be given power to withdraw from treaties made by the home government without impairing the treaty as far as the rest of the Empire is concerned.

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Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
(Week ending June 3)			
C.P.R.	467	1,632	501
C.N.R.	284	500	6
G.T.P.	6	113	...
Total	757	2,245	507

Disposition

Butchers East	13
Stockers West	11
Consumed locally	733

Cattle

Cattle prices took another jump of twenty-five cents per cwt. during the past week and best butchers are now quotable at \$6.75. Several bunches sold above the \$6.50 mark, one large bunch at \$6.75, and one steer, an especially well finished animal that tipped the scales at 1,440 pounds, topped the market, making the record price of \$7.00 per cwt. The common and medium grades showed an advance corresponding to that of the best grades. Really choice killing animals are a scarce commodity and packers are hard after them. Buyers, who have been through the country, state that it is practically impossible to pick up any number of choice cattle and that prospects do not

seem to favor a betterment in the near future. Everything points to firmness in prices and the farmer who has animals that a little extra feed will put into well finished shape will do well to force them along for the market.

Cattle prices quoted are:

Choice butcher steers and heifers, 1,200 lbs. up	\$6.25 to \$6.75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers, 1,000 lbs. up	5.75 " 6.25
Common to medium butcher steers and heifers	5.25 " 5.50
Good fat cows	5.50 " 6.00
Common to medium cows	4.25 " 5.00
Canners	3.50 " 4.00
Best bulls	4.50 " 5.00
Common and medium bulls	3.75 " 4.25
Choice veal calves	5.50 " 6.00
Common to medium	4.00 " 5.00
Good to choice milkers and springers	40.00 " 60.00
Common to medium milkers and springers	25.00 " 35.00

Hogs

All the fireworks during the past week were not confined to the cattle market, hogs also selling up a quarter per cwt., in spite of a rather heavy run. The rise was a gradual one from the \$7 mark, the first advance being of ten cents, then another nickel was added and, at the last of the week, the top price was reached. Hogs do not seem to be any too plentiful in the country, but the first real hot weather, which is due any time now, will probably lessen the demand for pork. It would seem to be wise to take advantage of present prices, although a slackening in receipts might easily force the price up. Packers are cutting closely on all hogs showing too much weight, and light pigs are not wanted. They should be held and fed.

Hog prices quoted are:

Choice hogs	\$7.25
Rough sows	\$5.00 to 5.75
Stags	4.00 " 4.75

Sheep and Lambs

Prices for sheep and lambs are unchanged. The receipts last week were confined to shipments from South St. Paul direct to two local abattoirs.

Prices quoted are:

Choice lambs	\$5.25 to \$5.75
Choice killing sheep	4.75 " 5.25

Country Produce

Butter

City creameries have reduced the price of creamery butter to 21 cents per pound and this is keeping down the price of dairy, although shipments of the latter are not heavy. Best dairy always sells a few cents below best creamery and the best city dealers can offer is 19 cents per pound, and it has to be pretty good stock to catch this figure. Lower grades are holding about even. One firm has offered this week to sell a carload that would come in the "round lot" class at fifteen cents per pound, and there has been no taker. Leaving a margin of profit and pay for handling the stock twelve cents seems a pretty good price for this grade. Dealers offer the following prices per pound, f.o.b., Winnipeg:

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Eggs

Egg prices show a reduction of a half cent per dozen from last week and dealers state that there will be still further reductions. Shipments are beginning to show shrinkage and prices quoted are subject to candling. From this time on shipments should be made at least once a week, and twice if possible. A little extra work in this respect will pay the producer of eggs in larger profits. Dealers offer 17½ cents per dozen, subject to candling.

Potatoes

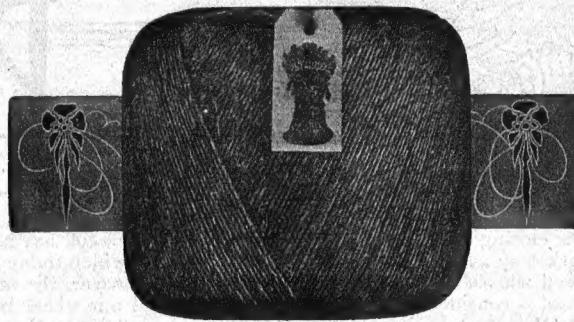
Dealers still offer 70 to 75 cents per bushel for well kept stock, but most of the arrivals have sprouted and are otherwise in poor condition. These sell at a reduction from prices quoted. New potatoes are getting cheaper and will soon crowd the old tubers off the market.

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Turkeys	20c.

Live Stock

Butcher cattle	\$4.00 to \$6.50
Bulls	3.00 " 5.40
Hogs	5.00 " 6.25
Lambs	5.00 " 6.50
Calves	5.00 " 5.50

A Wrong Interpretation

The following sign was displayed in the buffet car:

"No intoxicating liquors will be served while the train is passing through North Dakota."

They had been rolling through that interminable state a long time when the W.C.T.U. delegate from the east came into the car for her dinner. Casting her eye out of the window upon a somewhat changed landscape, she remarked to the waiter:

"Are we still in North Dakota?"

"No, ma'am," replied George alertly, with a hospitable grin, "what'll you drink, ma'am?"

Misjudged

A young woman rushed up to a young man on superior Avenue the other day and shook hands with him cordially. "I have a confession to make to you," she gurgled. "You won't believe it, but I always thought you drank."

The young man fingered for a clove and tried not to blush.

"And now," she pursued, "I find that you are actually a temperance worker. Now I see you are trying to be modest and deny it, but you can never fool me again. I overheard my brother saying, in his slangy way, that you were a great boosefighter. Oh, he was in earnest. Why, he said that you had punished more of the stuff than any other ten men in Cleveland. I'm proud to know you; will you ever pardon me for misjudging you?"

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No Names Mentioned

"Did you see Casey yesterday?" asked Mr. Dolan.

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"Manooverin', was it?"

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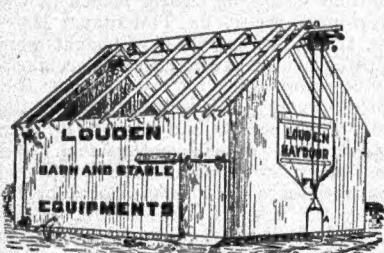
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An Episcopal missionary in Wyoming visited one of the outlying districts in his territory for the purpose of conducting prayer in the house of a large family not conspicuous for its piety. He made known his intentions to the woman of the house, and she murmured vaguely that "she'd go out and see." She was long in returning and after a tiresome wait the missionary went to the door and called with some impatience:

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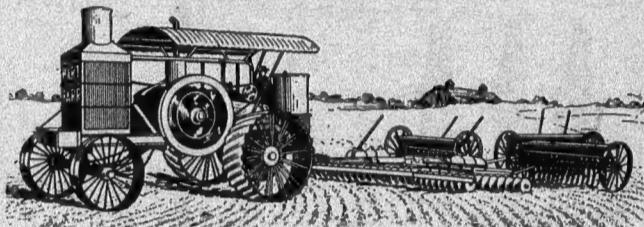
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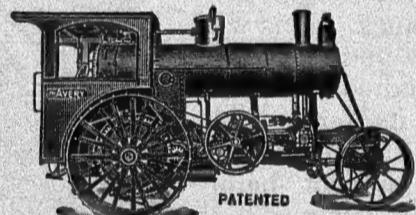
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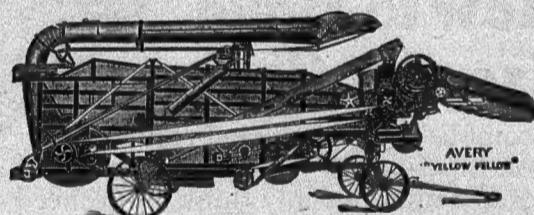
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ings, as branch wires can be run from the main line to the buildings and thus save wire and simplify the construction. Reference to Fig. 4, in which *a*, *b*, etc., represent the buildings to be connected, *m* the main line and *n* and *l* the branch wires, will make this point clear.

POLES.

Poles twenty-two or twenty-five feet long of any good stock, cut when green, should be used. Cedar and chestnut are particularly desirable on account of their lasting qualities. The poles should be reasonably straight and well proportioned. The diameter

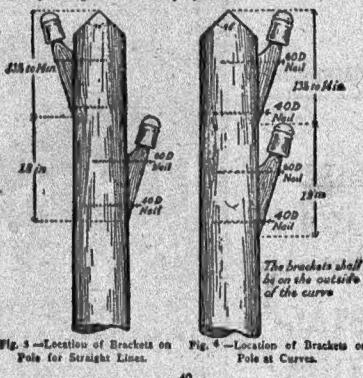


Fig. 3.—Location of Brackets on Pole for Straight Lines.

Fig. 4.—Location of Brackets on Pole at Curves.

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of the top of the pole should be about 5 or 6 inches. In order to prolong the life of the poles and add to their attractiveness, all the bark should be removed, knots trimmed close and the butt cut off square. The top of the poles should be roofed as shown in Fig. 5.

POLE FITTINGS.

Where only one or two line wires are to be mounted on the poles, oak brackets fitted with glass insulators are fastened to the pole as indicated in Fig. 5 for straight lines, or as shown in Fig. 6 at curves. The brackets should be attached to the poles before the poles are raised.



Fig. 7. Fig. 8. Fig. 9.

BRACKETS.

Brackets Figs. 7 and 8 are usually made of oak and given two coats of metallic paint and have a thread on the upper end to which is fastened a glass insulator, a type, as used in telephone work, is shown in Fig. 32.

They should be about 18 inches apart. The upper bracket should be 8 inches from the top of the pole

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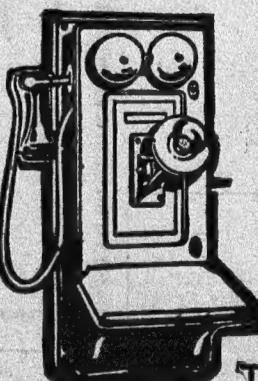
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